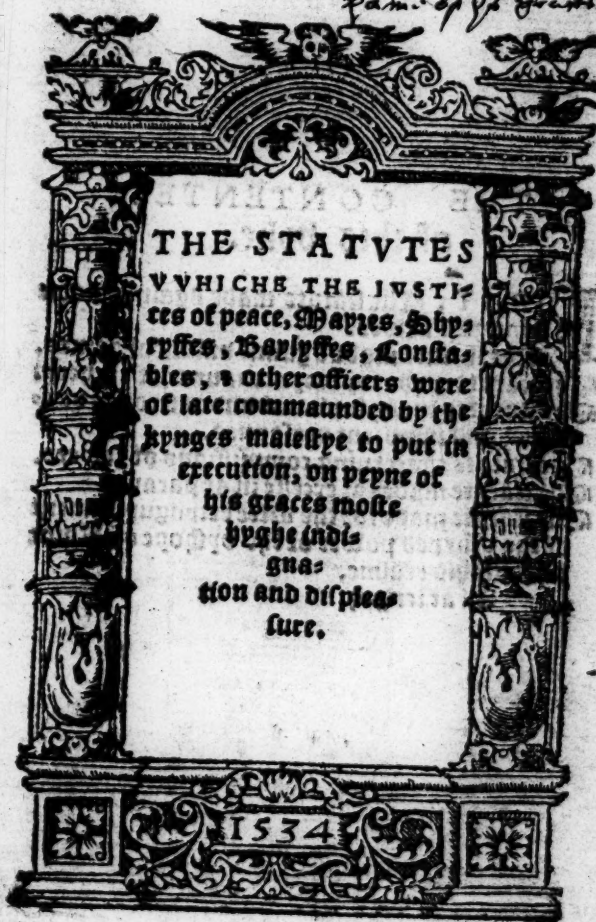


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THE CONTENTES
of this boke.

FIRST, The statute made againste newe
fangled newes.
The statute made against vnlawful games.
The statute made for mayntenaunce of archery.
The statutes made for vncabundes stronge beg-
gars, and impotent personnes.
The statute concerning commissions of sewers.
The statute made for excelle in apparayle.
The statute made for the vtter extynguyshment
of the vsurped power of the byshope of Rome
within this realme.
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Anno. 2. Richardi. 2. Cap. 5.



THIS Craytely defended
bypon greuous peyne, for
to eschew damagys and pe-
ryls, that none frome henc
forth be so hardy, to fynde,
saye, or to tell any false ne-
wes, messages, or other su-
che false thinges, wherof

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discorde or anye sclaunder
myght ryle within this realme, and he that doth
the same, shall incurre and haue the peyne an o-
ther tyme ordeyned therof by the statute of west-
minster firste, whiche will, that he be taken and
imprisoned, tyll he haue founde hym, of whome
the worde shulde be moued.

Anno. 12. Richardi. 2. cap. 6.

ITEM it is accorded & assented, that no ser-
uaunt of husbandry or laborer, nor seruaunt
of artificer nor of bytaylor, shall frome henc
forth beare any boklar, sworde, nor daggar, v-
pon forsaiture of the same, but in the tyme of
warre for defence of the realme of Englande,
and that by the surueynge of the arragons for
the tyme beyng, or trauallyng by the countrey
with their mayster, or in their maysters message,
but such seruauntes & laborers shall haue bowes
and arrowes, and vse the same the sondayes and
holydayes, and leaue all playenge at tenyce, or
football, and other games, called coytes, dyce,
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castynge of the stone, knyghtes, and other such im-
portune games. And that the sheryffes, mayres,
baylyffes, and constables that haue power to ar-
rest, and shall arreste all doers againste this sta-
tute, and seale the sayde byllars, knyghtes, and
daggars, and kepe them till the sessions of the
Iustices of peace, and the same present before
the same Iustices in their sessions, together with
the names of them that dyd beare the same. And
it is not the kynges mynde, that any prejudice
be done to the franchises of lordes, touchinge
the forfeitures due to them.

Anno. 11. Henrici. 4. cap. 4.

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OV R. Soverayne lord the kyng will, that
the statute made at Canturbury, the. xii.
yere of the reygne of kyng Rycharde the
seconde be firmly holden and kepte: Joyninge
to the same, that every suche laborer or servant,
that doth contrary to the same statute, shall haue
imprisonment by. vi. dayes. And the mayres
and sheryffes, or the mayres and baylyffes of cis-
ties and burghes, and the Constables in other
townes, shall haue power to put this statute in
execution from tyme to tyme, and yf they do not
therof execution, the same mayres and sheryffes,
or mayres and baylyffes aforesayde, shall paye to
the kyng for euery defaute. xx. s. and the con-
stables or constable of euery towne, that dothe
not lyke execution of this statute, shall paye for
euery their or his defaute. vi. s. viii. d. And that
the Iustices of assyses shall haue power to en-
gauge in this case in their sessions from tyme
to tyme,

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processe, tryall, iudgement, costes, damages, & execution shall be had, as is vsed in other accions there pursued. And that no personne frome the sayde feaste of Easter, shall vse any of the sayde games called clothe, half bowle, hayles, hande in and hande out, or quekbozde, vppon payne of two yeres imprisonment, and to forsayte for every defaulte. x. li. The one halfe therof to oure Coueraigne lord the kynge, to be applyed to the vse of his house in all suche places, where suche forsayture shall happen to fall, other than where any persone ought to haue the forsayture of the goodes of felons and fugytyues by any lawfull graunte, auctoritie of parlyamēt, or otherwyse; And it is ordeyned by the sayde auctoritie, that all suche persons, their heires and successours, whiche ought to haue anye suche forsaytures in suche places, shall haue all suche halfe, that shall be hereafter forsayte by any of the premises. And the other halfe therof to hym or them, that in this behalfe will sue by action of dette, in lyke maner and fourme to be had, tryed, ruled, and ordeered, as is aforesayde.

Anno. II. Henrici. 7. Cap. 2.

Unlawfull
games.

FARTHERMORE it is ordeyned and enacted, that none apprentyle, ne seruaunt of husbandry, labourer, ne seruaunt artificer, playe at the tables frome the tenth daye of Januarpe nexte commynge, but onely for meate and drynke, ne at the tenys, closh, dyce, cardes, bowles, nor any other vnlawfull game in no wyse out of Christmas, & in Christmas to playe onely

Onely in the dwellinge house of his master, or where the maister or any of the sayd seruantes is present, vppon payne of emprisonnement by the space of a daye in the stocks openly. And that the housholder, where dyce, cardes, tenys playe, bowles, cloth, or any other vnlawfull game afore rehearsed shall be vsed, otherwise than is afore rehearsed, and that lawfully be presented before the Iustices of peace, the mayre, thyppse in his tourne, or steward in his lete, or by examination hadde afore the sayd Iustices of peace, that proesse be made vppon the same, as vppon enditement of trespass against the kynges peace. And that the sayd mysdoer be admitted to no fyne vnder the somme of .vi. s. viii. d. And that it be lawfull to .ii. of the Iustices of the peace, wherof one shall be of the Quorum, within their auctoritie, to reiecte and put awaye common ale sellynge in townes and places, where they shall thinke conuenient, and to take suertye of the keepers of ale houses, of their good behauynge, by the discretion of the sayd Iustices, and in the same to be aduysed and agreed at the tyme of their sessions.

Anno. 19. Henrici. 7. Cap. 12.

AND furthermoze it is ordeyned and enacted, that none apprentyce, ne seruant at husbandry, labourer, ne seruant artificer, playe at the tables frome the feast of Easter nexte comynge, ne at tennyes, cloth, dyce, cardes, bowles, nor any other vnlawfull games in no wyse out of the .xii. dayes at Christmasse,

yet against vnlawfull games.

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And than to play onely in dwellinge houses of his mayster, or where the mayster or any of the sayde seruauntes is present, vppon payne of imprisonment by the space of a daye in the stocks openly. And that the houtholder, where dyling, cardinge, tennys playenge, bowles, clothe, or any other vnlawfull game, afoze reherced, shall be vsed, otherwyle than is afoze reherced, & that lawfullye bene presented before Iustices of the peace, maye, shpyesse in his tourne, or Rewards in his lete, or by examination hadde before the sayde iustice of peace, that processe be made vpon the same, as vpon inditeynente of trespass against the kynges peace, and that the sayde misdoer be admitted to no fyne vnder the Comyns of vi. s. viii. d. And that it be lawfull to two of the iustices of peace, wherof one shalbe of the Quorum, within their auctoritie, to reiecte and put away common ale selling in townes and places, where they shall thinke conuenient, and to take suertye of the keepers of the alehouses, of their good behaupnge, by the discretion of the sayde iustices, and in the same to be aduysed and agreed at the tyme of their sessions,

Anno. 3. Henrici. 8. cap. 3.

For main-
tenance of
archery.

THE kyng our souerayne lord, callinge to his mooste noble and gracious remembrance, that by the leate and exercise of the subiectes of this his realme in shotyng in longe bowes, there hath continuallye growen and bene within the same greate nombze & multitude of good archers, whiche haue not onely

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defended this realme, and the subiectes thereof
 againste the cruell malice and daunger of their
 outwarde ennemys in tyme here to fore passed,
 but also with lytle nombze and puissance in res-
 garde, haue done many notable actes and discō-
 situres of warre againste the infidels and other,
 and furthermoze subdued and reduced dyuers &
 many regions and countreys to their due obeis-
 sance, to the great honour, fame, and surreye of
 this realme and subiectes, & to the terrible drede
 and feare of all straunge nations any thyng to
 attempte or do to the hurt or damage of them or
 any of them. And all be it that dyuers good and
 profytable statutes in the tyme of his noble pro-
 genitours & predeceßours kynges of this lande,
 for the mayntenance of archery and longe bowes
 here tofore haue bene made, amonge whiche the
 right famous kyng of noble memozy Henry the
 seuenth, father to our sayde souerayne loyde, by
 auctoritie of dyuers parlyamentes caused good
 and notable actes and statutes to be established
 and made; and that shopyng in crosbowes shuld
 be sette on parte, and not vled; And also that
 greate nombze of bowestauers of ewe shoulde be
 brought and conueyed by marchauntes repa-
 ringe into this realme frome those partes wher
 these growe, vppon certayne paynes in the same
 statutes lympted and containned: yet neuer the
 lesse, archerye and shopyng in longe bowes, is
 ryght lytell vled, but dayely mynysyth, de-
 sayeth, and abateth moze and moze, for that
 moche partye of the commynaltie and parcell of
 the realme, wherby of olde tyme the great nom-
 bze and substaunce of archers hath growen and
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Multiplied be not of power, nor abyllt to bye
 them longe bowes of ewe, to exercise shotyng
 in the same, and to susteyne the continual charge
 therof, and also by meanes and occasion of cus-
 stomable, vltage of tenes playe, bowles, clothe,
 and other vnlawfull games prophpet by manye
 good and beneficiall estatutes, by auctoritie of
 parlyament in that behalfe provided and made,
 great impouerishment hath ensued, and many
 heynous murders, roberyes, and felonyes be
 committed and done, and also the dyupne ser-
 vice by suche misdoers on holy and festiual days
 not herde or solempnyzed, to the hyghe dysplea-
 sure of all myghtye god. wherfore the kynge
 hyghenes, of his moste blessed disposition, great
 wysedome, and prouydence, and also for zeale to
 the publyke weale, suertie, and defence of this
 his realme, and subiectes, & theyr auncient fame
 in this behalfe to be reuyned and repayred, by
 the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall,
 and his commons in this present parliament as-
 sembled, and by auctoritie of the same, hath or-
 dained, enacted, and establyshed, that the sta-
 ute of wyndchester for archers be put in due exe-
 cution. And ouer that, that every manne beinge
 the kynge subiecte, not lame, decrepate, nor
 maymed, nor haupnge any other lawfull or rea-
 sonable cause or impediment, being within the
 age of xl. yeres, excepte to tho menne, spiritual
 men, Justices of the one bench and of the other
 Justices of assise, and barons of the eschequere,
 do vse and exercise shotyng in longe bowes.
 And also to haue a bowe & arrowes redye con-
 tinually in his howse, to vse hym selfe, and do
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vse hym selfe in shotynge. And also that the father, gouernours, and rulers of suche as be of tender age, do teache and bypnye vp them in the knowledge of the same shotynge. And that euery man hauinge a man childe, or men chyldren in his house, shall prouyde, ordeyne, and haue in his house for euery man chylde, being of the age of. vii. yeres, and aboue, tyll he shal come to the age of. xviij. yere, a bowe and. ii. shaftes, to enduce and lerne them, and bypnye them vp in shotynge, and shall deliuer all the same bowe and arrowes to the same yonge men, to vse and occupye. And if the same yonge men be seruantes, that then theyr maysters shall abate the money, that they shall paye for the same bowes and arrowes, of theyr wages. And after all such yonge men shall come to the age of. xviij. yeres, euery of them shall prouyde and haue a bowe and. iiii. arrowes continually for hym selfe at his propre costes and charges, or els of the gyfte or prouysion of his frendes, and vse and occupye the same in shotynge, as is afoze reherled. And that the Justices of assises, of gaole deliuerie, Justices of peace, and stewardes of franchises, letes and lawedaye, haue power to enquire of all the pynesmisses in theyr sessions, letes, and lawedays, & here and determyne the same. And also by theyr dyscretions examyne all persons, lackynge and not hauynge bowes, shaftes, and arrowes, accordynge to the foure afoze reherled. And euerye persone, that shall be founden by suche inquisitione or examination in defaulte, or not prouydynge and hauynge bowes arrowes and shaftes redy, by the space of one moneth, shall forfayte
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and paye for everye suche defaulte, xii. pence. And where anye suche forsayture shall happen to be founden within the precincte of any franchise, lete or lawedaye, than the lord of the same franchise lete or lawedaye shall have the forsayture therof. And in all other places, all suche forsayture to be to the kynge our souerayne lord, his heyres, and successours.

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AND that all statutes heretofore made agaynste them that vse vnlawfull games, be duly put in execution, and punishment had accordyng to the penalties of the same, as wel agaynste the offenders and occupers of suche vnlawfull games, as agaynste them that be owners or keepers of houses or other places, where anye suche vnlawfull games be vsed, accordyng to the purporte tenour and intēt of the same statutes. And furthermore, that all iustices of peace, mayres, baylyffes, hyrreffes, constables, and all other heed officers, and euerye of theym, fyndinge or knowynge any maner person or persons, vsinge or exercysinge any vnlawfull games, contrary to the sayde estatute, haue full power and authority to committe everye suche offender to ward, there to remayne without bayle or maynprie, to suche tyme he or they so offendinge be bounden by obligation to the kynges vse, in suche somme of money, as by the discretion of the sayde Iustices, mayres, baylyffes, or other heed officers, shall be thought resonable, that they nor any of them shall not frome thenceforth vse any vnlawfull games. And that euerye bowier within this realm allway make for euery one bowe of ewe, that he maketh to sell, at the leaste, ii. bowes of elme

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elme wyche or other woode of meane price. And if they or any of them refuse so to do, and it founden before the Justices of peace in the Myre, or mayres, baylyffes, or other heed officers of cyties or boroughes within their citie or boroughes by presentment of xii. men, or by due examination before the sayde Justices of peace, or ii. of theym, or before the sayde mayres or baylyffes, that then the same Justices, mayres, or baylyffes haue full auctoritie and power to committe the so warde, there to remaine withoute baile or maynpryse by the space of viii. dayes or more, by the discretion of the sayde Justices, mayres, or baylyffes. And also that buttes be made in every cytie, towne, and place accordyng to the lawe of aunient tyme vsed. And that the inhabyteres and dwellers, in every of them be compelled to make and continue suche buttes, and to exercise them selfe with longe bowes in shotynge at the same, and elles where on holy dayes and other tymes conueniente.

AN D ouer that it is enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that euery Justice of peace within this realme, or ii. of them within their severall iurisdiccions, haue full power and auctoritie, to take, assigne, and appoynte bowlers in.iii. ii. or moo places by their discretio within every Myre, citie, or boroughes, where the moost common repaire and resoite is of his subiectes, and there to enhabyte and make longe bowes, of elme, wyche, or other woode of lytel price and value, to serue the commynaltie for the due exercise of shotynge, and to take and compell as manye of them, as they shall thinke necessary by their dis-

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rections, to inhabite at such places for the same. And so in lyke wyse as often as the case shall require and be thoughte behouefull. And that all bowstaues of ewe, hereafter to be broughte into this realme to be solde, be open and not solde in bundels nor close, to the entente the byers of them maye haue perspytte knowlege of the goodnesse of them, and giue the better pryce for them, if they be so worthe.

¶ AND be it also enacted by the auctoritie asforesayde, that all mayres, baylyffes, sheryffes, and all other heed officers, shall make open proclamation of these presentes in euery market and feyre to be holden within theyr seuerall iurisdiccions and auctorities, and also that the iustice of the gaole deliuere, assyses, and Iustices of peace do cause the same to be proclaimed in their seuerall cercuites and sessions befoze them to be holden. This arte concernynge the makinge of bowes of elme, wyche, or other then of ewe, to begyn to take effecte at the feast of Lammas nexte comynge: And the resydue of all this arte to take effecte & be put in execution immediately, and to endure to the nexte parlyament.

¶ ITEM that no straunger bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce (not beyng denysen) shall not conuey, nor do to be conueyed into any partes, oute of the kynges obeyssaunce, any longe bowes, arrowes, or shaftes, withoute the kynges speryall lycence, vppon payne of forfayture of the same, where soo euer they shall be taken: within this the kynges power, and vpon payne of imprisonment without bayle or mainpryse, vnto suche tyme he or they (so beinge in ward) haue

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have made a resonable fyne to the kynge for his
or their offences afore the iustice of peace, or. ff.
of theym in their sessions in the same countye,
where he or they shall be committed to warde, or
fynde sufficient suertye, for the payment of the
same fyne.

ITEM that no maner person (not beyng
borne within the kynges obeyssaunce) not made
denysen, vse within the kynges obeyssaunce mo-
tyng with longe bowes, withoute the kynges
lytence, vpon payne of forsaiture suche bowes,
arrowes, and shafes, as they shall be founden
to motyng with, and euery of the kynges subie-
ctes maye haue auctoritte to take and selle the
same forsaitures to his owne vse.

Anno. 22. Henrici. 8. Cap. 12.

VHERE in al places througout this
realme of Englande vncaboundes & beg-
gars haue of longe tyme increased, and
dayly do increase in great and excessiue nombres
by the occasion of ydelnes, mother and roote of
all vyces, wherby hath insurged and spronge, &
dayly insurgeth and springeth continual theftes
murders, and other sondrye heynous offences
and greate enormyties, to the hyghe displeasure
of God, the inquietation and dammage of the
kynges people, and to the meruaylous distur-
baunce of the common weale of this realme,
And where as many & sondry good lawes strepte
statutes and ordenaunces haue bene herfore this
tyme deuyled and made as well by the kyng our
soueraygne lord as also by dyuers his most no-
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the progenitours kynges of Englande, for the
 moſte neceſſary and due reformation of the pre-
 miſſes: Yet that notwithstandinge the ſayde vnde-
 bies of vacaboundes and beggars be not ſene in
 any partye to be mynifhed, but rather dayely
 augmented and increased into great routes and
 compaynes, as euidently and manifeſtly it doth
 and maye appere. Be it therfore enacted by the
 kyng our ſoueraigne lord, & by the lordes ſpiri-
 tual & tempoꝛall, & the commons in this preſent
 parlyament aſſembled, and by auctoritie of the
 ſame, that the Juſtices of the peace, of all & ſin-
 gular the ſhires of Englande, within the lymit-
 tes of their commiſſions, and all other Juſtices
 of peace, Mayres, Sheriſſes, baylyſſes, and o-
 ther officers, of all and euery cytie, borough, &
 riddinges, or franchises, within the realm of En-
 glande, within the lymittes of their auctorities,
 ſhall frome tyme to tyme as often as neede ſhall
 requyre, by their diſcretions deuyde them ſelves
 within the ſayd ſhires, cyties, boroughes, rid-
 dynges or fraunchyſes, wherof they be Juſtices
 of peace, Mayres, Sheriſſes, baylyſſes, or offi-
 cers, and ſo beynge deuyded, ſhall make diligent
 ſerche and inquere, of all aged poore and impo-
 tent perſones, whiche lyue or of neceſſitie be co-
 pelled to lyue by almes of the charitie of the peo-
 ple, that be or ſhall be hereafter abydinge with-
 in enery hundred rape, wapentake, cytie, bor-
 ough, pariſſhe, liberty or franchises, within
 the lymittes of their diſſion. And after and v-
 pon ſuche ſerche made, the ſayd juſtices of peace,
 Mayres, Sheriſſes, Baylyſſes, and other offi-
 cers, that is to ſay euery of them within their ly-
 mittes

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Myttes of these auctorities, where vnto they be
 deuoyded, shall haue power and auctoritie by their
 discretions, to enable to begge within such hun-
 dred, rape, wapentake, cytie, towne, paryshe, or
 other lymttes, as they shall appoynte, suche of
 the sayde impotent personnes, whiche they shall
 fynde and thinke mooste conuenient within the
 lymttes of their diuysion, to lyue of the charitie
 and almes of the people. And to gyue in com-
 maundement to euery suche aged and impotent
 beggar (by them enabled) that none of them shall
 begge without the lymttes to them so appoynt-
 ed. And shall also register and wyte the names
 of euery suche impotent beggar, by them appoin-
 ted, in a bylle or rolle indented, the one parte
 therof to remayne with them selfe, and the other
 parte by them to be certifyed before the Iustices
 of peace at the nexte sessions after suche serche
 had, to be holden within the sayd Myres, cyties,
 townes, or fraunthises, there to remayne vnder
 the hepinge of Custos Rotulorum. And that the
 sayde Iustices of peace, Mayres, Sheryffes,
 Baylyffes, and other officers, that is to saye as
 they be deuoyded, shall haue power and auctori-
 tie to make suche and so manyr scales, to be en-
 graved with the names of the hundredes, rapes,
 wapentakes, citie, boroughes, townes, or plas-
 ces, within the which they shall appoynt and li-
 mitte euery suche impotent person to begge, and
 committe the sayd scales to the custody of suche
 of them, or to the custody of suche other as they
 shall thinke conuenient, and shall make and de-
 lyuer to euery suche impotent persone, by them
 enabled to begge, a letter containinge the name
 of such

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of suche impotent person, and wytnessyng, that he is aucthorised to begge, and the lymytes, within which he is appoynted to begge. The same letter to be sealed with suche of the sayd seales, as shall be engraue with the names of the lymytte, wherein suche impotent personne shall be appoynted to begge in, and to be subscribed with the name of one of the sayde Justyces or officers abovesayde. And yf any suche impotent person, soo aucthorised to begge, doo begge in any other place, than within suche lymytes, that he shall be assigned vnto, that than the iustices of peace, Mayors, Sherriffes, baylyffes, constables, and all other the kynges officers and minystrs, shall by their discretions punyssh all suche persones, by imprisonment in the stocks, by the space of ii. dayes, and ii. nyghtes, gyuyng them but only bread and water, and after that cause euerye suche impotent person to be swozne to retourne agayne withoute delaye to the hundrede, rape, wapentake, citie, borowgh, towne, paryshe, or franchises, where they be aucthorised to begge in. And it is enacted, that noo suche impotent persone, as is abovesayde, after the feast of the natiuitie of saynt Iohn Baptyst next comynge, shall begge within any parte of this realme, excepte he be aucthorised by wytyng vnder seale, as is abovesaid. And if any suche impotent personne, after the sayde feast of saynte Iohn, be vagarant, and go abeggyng, hauryng no such letter vnder seale, as is aboue specified: that than the constables, and all other inhabytantes within suche towne or paryshe, where suche personne shall begge, shall cause euerye suche beggar to be

to be taken, and brought to the next Justice of
 peace, or hygh constable of the hundred: And
 there upon, the sayde Justice of peace, or hygh
 constable, shall commaunde the sayd constables,
 and other inhabytantes of the towne or parische,
 whiche shall bring before hym any suche begger,
 that they shall kysse hym naked from the myd-
 dle upward, and cause hym to be whyped,
 withyn the towne, where he was taken, or with-
 yn some other towne, where the same Justice or
 hygh constable shall appoynte: If he shall com to
 the discretion of the sayd Justice of peace or hygh
 constable, that it be contempente too to punishe
 suche begger to hym brought: And if not, then
 to comaunde suche beggar, to be set in the stocks
 in the same towne or parische, whiche he was tak-
 en, for the space of three dayes, and shal have
 there to have unly breade and water, and
 there upon, the sayde Justice, or hygh constable,
 afore whom suche begger shall be brought, shall
 gyve hym a place to begge in, and gyve to
 hym a letter under seale, in forme abode rememb-
 red, and sweare hym to departe, and repa-
 re thither immediately after his punishment to
 hym executed.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite as-
 foresayde, that yf any personne or personnes,
 beinge hole and myghty in body, and able to la-
 boure, at any tyme after the sayde feast of saynt
 Johis be taken in beggynge in any parte of this
 realme, or if any man or woman, beinge hole and
 myghty in body, and able to laboure, haue no
 hande, mayster, nor vsynge any lawefulle man-
 shawndys, craftes, or misterie, whereby he myghte

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get his lypynge, after the same feash be vagrant
and can give no chennge how he doth lefully
get his lypynge: that than it shall be lefull to the
constables, and all other the hygher officers, mil-
lners, and subiectes of every towne, parryshe,
and hamlette, to arrest the sayde vacabondes,
and ydell personnes, and them bringe to any of
the iudices of peace of the same shyre or lybertie,
or elles to the hygh Constable of the hundred,
saye, or wapentake, within whiche suche per-
sones shall be taken. And if he be taken within
any cytie or towne corporate, than to be brought
before the Mayre, Sheryffes, or baylyffes of e-
very suche towne corporate. And that every sa-
che Iudice of peace, hygh constable, Mayre,
Sheryffes, and Baylyffes, by their discretions,
shall cause every suche ydell personne, so to hym
broughte, to be had to the next market towne, or
other place, where the sayde Iudices of peace,
hygh constable, Mayre, baylyffes, and other
officers, shall thinke moſte convenient by his or
their discretions, and there to be tyed to the ende
of a carte naked, and be beaten with whypps,
throughe oute the same market towne, or other
place, tyll his body be bloody by reason of suche
whypynge. And after suche punysshment and
whypynge had, the personne so punysshed, by
the discretion of the iudice of peace, hygh con-
stable, Mayre, Sheryffes, baylyffes, and other
officers, afore whome suche personne shall be
broughte, shall be enjoyned upon his othe, to re-
tourne forthewith withoute delape, in the nexte
and freyghte waye, to the place where he was
borne, or where he last dwelled, before the same
punyshe

punishment, by the space of thre yerres, & then
 to put him selfe to labour, tye as a true manne
 owesth to do. And after that done, euery suche
 personne; so punished and ordered, shall haue a
 letter sealed, with the seale of the hundred, rape,
 wapentake, cytie, borough, towne, libertie, or
 franchise, wherein he shall be punished, to re-
 monevunge that he hath bene punished, according
 to this estatute, and to remonevunge the daye and
 place of his punishment, and the place where
 he is punished to go: and by what tyme he
 is tyme to come thither, within which tyme,
 he maye lawfully begge by the waye, the wayne
 the same letter, and other wyle not. And if he do
 not accomplishe the order to him appointed by
 the sayde letter, than to be estrelones taken and
 whipped, and to be often as any defaulte shall
 be founde in him, contrarye to the order of this
 estatute, in every place to be take and whipped,
 tyl he be repayed where he was borne, or where
 he last dwelled by the space of thre yerres, & there
 put his body to labour for his luyng, or other
 wyle, trewly get his luyng without begging,
 as longe as he is able so to do. And yf the person
 so whipped, be an ydel personne, and no com-
 mon beggar, than after such whippingg, he shall
 be kept in the stocks, tyl he hath founde tueritie
 to go to service, or els to labour, after the discre-
 tion of the sayde Justice of peace, Mayre, Mes-
 sers, Bayliffes, hygh constables, or other su-
 che officers, afore whom anye suche ydel person,
 beyng no common beggar, shall be brought, yf
 by the discretion of the same Justice of peace,
 Mayre, Sheryffe, bayliffe, hygh constable, or
 other

either such heed officer, as he thought convenient;
 and that the party so punished, be able to paye
 luerie, or els to be ordered and faine to repaire
 to the place where he was born; or where he last
 dwelled, by the space of five yeres; and to him
 the luerie, and such further punishment, if he
 afterwarte offende this statute, as is above ap-
 pointed to and for the common strong and able
 beggars, and so from tyme to tyme to be orde-
 red and punished, tyl he put his body to labour,
 or otherwys gette his livinge lawfully, accord-
 dyng to the lawe. And that the Justices of the
 peace, of everie shire, cytye, towne,
 and tytherie, shall have power and auctorite,
 within the lymytes of their commissions, to en-
 quire of all mayres, bailiffes, constables, and
 other officers and persones, that shall be negli-
 gent in executyng of this acte. And it is orde-
 ned, That if the constable and inhabitants with-
 in any towne or parshe, where any such impo-
 tent personne, or stronge beggar dothe happen
 to begge, contrary to the forme of this statute,
 be negligent, and take not everie such impotent
 and stronge beggar, that so shall begge againste
 the fourme of this statute, and order and pun-
 nysh the everie such beggar, as is above lymyted;
 that then the towne shipp or parshe, where such
 defaulte shall be, shall lose and forsayte for ever
 such impotent beggar, that shall be suffered
 to begge within the sayde towne shipp or parshe,
 not beinge taken, ordered, and punished, accord-
 dyng to the fourme of this statute. And it is orde-
 ned, That for everie stronge beggar, that shall hap-
 pen to begge within any such towne shipp or pa-
 rshe

either, not being taken and ordered, as is above
 limitted by this statute. v. l. s. viii. d. The one
 halfe of all whiche forfeitures to be to the king
 our souerayne lord, and the other halfe to him
 that will sue for the same, by any bill of infor-
 mation afore the kinges iustices of his peace, in
 their generall sessions, to be holden in the tyme,
 or within any libertie, where suche default shall
 happen.

¶ And that all Justices of peace, within any
 tyme, citie, borough, or libertie, shall haue full
 power and auctoritie, as well to here and deter-
 mine every suche default by presentment, as by
 suche bill of information, and vpon every pre-
 sentment afore them, and vpon every suche bill
 of information, to make proceffe by distresse a-
 gaine the inhabitants of every suche towne &
 parishes, whers any default shall be presented, or
 supposed by any suche information. By auctori-
 tie of whiche distresse, the Sheryffe or other offi-
 cer, to whom by the lawe suche distresse shall be
 made, shall distreyn the goodes and cattelles
 of suche one or two of the sayde inhabitants,
 as he may haue knowlege were most negligent,
 and in default in the execution of this acte, and
 the sayde distresse reteyne tyll they fynde suertie
 to appere at the sessions, limitted in the sayde
 distresse. And in case they appere and confesse
 the default, or els if they traaverse the presenta-
 ments, and it be tried agaynste them by verdyte,
 or denye the information, and it be prouyd a-
 gainste them by sufficient wytnesse: than the
 sayde Justices of peace, in their Sessions, shall
 haue auctoritie to assesse the fynes, as ben above

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limited after the rates abovesayd, and to make
proesse for the leuyng of the same, by distresse
of the inhabitantes of such towne or parishes,
where suche defaulte shall be tryed or proued.
And that every such fyne, if it growe by presents
ment, to be onely to the kynges vse. And yf it
growe by information: than the moytie therof
to be to hym that pursueth the information for
the same, and the other moytie therof to the kynges
vse, as is aforesayde. And yf any suche per
sonne or personnes distreyned, appere not at the
daye and place conteyned in suche distresse, then
vppon the retourne of the sheryffe or other offi
cer, to whom the distresse was deliuered to exe
cute, that suche personne or personnes were dis
treyned: then every suche personne or persons
so distreyned, at the first distresse, shall lose. xl. s.
and at the seconde. vi. s. viii. d. and so to be
doubled vppon euery distresse in suche cases to
be awarded, tyll apparauce maye be hadde by
one of the inhabitauntes of suche towne or pa
rish, to denye, trauesse, or confesse the present
mente or information, exhibited ageyne any su
che towne or parish, to the entente that vppon
tryall or profe therof, the fynes aboue limited
maye be assessed and leuyed of the inhabitantes
of euery suche towne or parish, as is aboue re
herced.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd,
that scholers of the vniuersities of Oxforde and
Cambridge, that go aboute beggynge, not be
ynge aucthorised vnder the seale of the sayde vni
uersities, by the commissarye Chauncelloure or
Vpchauncellour of the same, and all and synge
ler

let wyppmen, pretending lodes of their wyppes
 and goodes of the see, goynge aboute the coun-
 trey beggynge without sufficient auctoritie, wit-
 nessynge the same: shall be punished and orde-
 red, in maner and fourme as is aboue reherced
 of strange beggers. And that all pyssours and
 pardeners, goynge aboute in any countrey or
 countreies, without sufficient auctoritie, and all
 other ydell persones, goynge about in any coun-
 trey, or abydng in any cite, borough, or towne,
 some of them playng dyuers and subtilly crafty
 and vniuersall games and playes, and some of
 them terryng them selves to haue knowledg in
 physike, physchamy, palmechere, or other crafty
 sciences, whereby they deceiue the people in hand,
 that they can telle theyr descendes, diseases, and
 fortunes, and suche other lyke fantastical ima-
 ginacions, to the greates dysceyte of the kynges
 subiectes: shall vpon examination hadde before
 two Justices of peace, wherof the one shall be
 the Sherriff, vt he by prouable wytnes be founde
 gyltye of, ny luche dysceytes, be punished by
 whypinge at two dayes together, after the ma-
 nner before reherced. And if he erresones offende
 in the sayde offence, or any lyke offence: that to
 be scourged. ii. dayes, and the thirde daye to be
 put vpon the pylloze from ix. of the clocke vntill
 a. xi. before none of the same daye, and to haue
 one of his eares cutte of. And if he offende the
 thirde tyme: to haue lyke punishment, with
 whypinge, standynge on the pylloze, and to
 haue his other eare cut of. And that Justices of
 the peace, haue lyke auctoritie in euery libertie
 and franchyse within theyr Wyppes, where they
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be iustices of peace, for the execution of this acte in every parte therof, as they shal haue without the libertie or franchise.

¶ Also it is further enacted, that this acte shall perely be redde in the open sessions, to the intent that the sayde statute shall be the more feared, and the better put in execution.

¶ And furthermore he is enacted, that yf any persone or persones, at any tyme hereafter, giue any herborough, money, or lodging to any beggers, beinge stronge and able in theyr bodyes to worke, whiche order them selves contrary to the forme of this statute: that every suche person so doinge, beinge sufficiently proved or pretended afore any iustice of peace, shall make such fyne to the kyng, as by the discretion of the said iustices of peace at their generall sessions, shall be assessed. And if any personne or persones do dyscourage or lette the execution of this acte in any manner wyse, or make reasons agaynste any Mayre, Sheryffe, barlyste, or other personne, that shall endeavour hym selfe for the due execution therof: it is then enacted, that euerye suche personne and persones, for euerye suche offence doinge, shall lose and forfayte .l.s. and ouer that to haue imprisonment at the kynges wyl. The one halfe of whiche forfayture, if such offence be committed in any citie or towne corporate, shal be to the Mayre, Sheryffe, barlyste, or other heed officers of suche citie or towne corporate, where any suche offence shall be done, to the vse of the commynalte of euerye suche citie or towne corporate. And if it be committed out of a citie or towne corporate, than the sayde one halfe

shall to be to the lord of the land, or in the way,
where the offence shall be done, and the other
half of every such forfeiture to be to the king
our sovereign lord. For the whiche forfeitures
of v. n. or more shall be had by action of dette,
wille, plaint, or information in any of the kyn-
ges courts: in whiche suits the defendantes
shall not have their lawe, nor haue any excuse
or protection allowed.

¶ It is also enacted alway that this act, nor any thing
therein conteyned, shall be hurtfull or prejudi-
ciall to the barons or other inhabytantes of the
sayd portes, or of their members, neither to any
graunte, lybertie, or franchise, heretofore made
by the kyng our sovereign lord, or any his
predecessours kynges of Englande, to the sayde
barons, or other inhabytantes, theyr ancestors,
predecessours, or to any of them.

¶ And that it be enacted by authority of this
present parliament, that all and every mayre
and baylyff, and baylyff and baylyffes, clerke
and clerk by the commons and inhabytantes
of every towne and place of the sayd portes and
members, and also jurats of every of the sayd
townes and places of the sayd portes and mem-
bers, shall have lyke authority within every su-
che towne and place, where they or any of them
be or shall be mayre, baylyff, or Jurat, to put
or cause to be put this acte in due execution, as
the Justyces of pe ace in any countie of this re-
alm, haue or shall haue authority and power
by this acte to do, where they be Justyces. And
that the inhabytantes, within every towne with
in the sayde portes, shall be bounden to the exe-
cution

cution of this acte: let no other inhabytant
be without the sayde portre, bypon lyghyng
as tynhoue remembred. And if any persons or
personas, whiche shall inhabyte with the sayde
h. portre or member, be in impotent or other
ydell persons, do hereafter begge without the
sayde h. portre or member of the sayde coun-
trey to this acte, that then every suche person
shall be ordered and punished according to this
acte, any thyng in this p.rouiso to the contrary
not withstanding.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted, that the leas-
les aboute cherche, shall be made after the coses
and charges of the Justices of peace, Sherrifs,
Sheryffes, barlyffes, and other officers aboute
wythe, on this side the fraith of the Diocytie
of saynt Johs Baptiste next commynge, that
is to saye, that every of them, shall do the sayde
seales to be made withyn the lymytes of there
division, iurisdiction, and auctorities.

¶ And it is also ordeyned and enacted, that e-
very letter to be made by the auctorite of this
acte, wherby any impotent begger, shall be au-
thorized and assigned to begge, shall be made in
this fourme ensuynge.

¶ Item. ¶ Remouandum, that J. W. of
Dale, for reasonable considerations, is licensed
to begge within the hundred of J. R. and L. in
the sayde countie. Given under the seale of that
lymyte. Tali die et anno.

¶ And that every suche letter, that shalbe made
and deliuered to suche begger or vacahounde,
after he hath be whipped by auctorite of this
acte, shall be made in this wyse folowynge.

Hence

Item. **¶** That wher so ever a vagrant
strange begger at Dale, in the sayde countie, or
corpyng to the lawe, the xiii. day of Julye, in
the xiiii. yere of kynge Henry the viii. was as-
signed to passe forthewyth and directlye frome
thence to Dale, in the countie of Midd, where he
saith he was borne, or where he laste dwellyd,
by the tyme of iii. yeres. And he is limited to
bethere within xiiii. dayes nexte insuing at his
peryll, or within furthe nymbre of dayes, as
to hym shall be lymptted by the discretion of the
maier of the sayde letter. In wopenesse wherof
the seale of the lymptte of the sayde place of his
punishment herevnto is sette.

¶ And it is enacted, that everye suche letter shall
be made at the equall costes of suche of the sayd
Justices, Mayres, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, or
other officers, within whose iurisdiction he
was, and auctorities the sayde begger or vac-
bounde shall be whynned or lymptted to begge
in, by auctoritie of this acte. And everie suche
letter shall be subscribed with the hande of one
of the sayde Justices, Mayres, Sheriffes, bay-
liffes, or other officers in this forme folowing,
Per me H. B. unum Justiciarium Facto, or
Magistrum Civitatis, or Ballivum ville, or com-
Babularum talis hundred, or eis in lyke forme
in Englyshe.

¶ And it is further enacted, that everie suche
person and persones, as have the custodye of a-
ny Gailes, within any shire, citie, boroughe, or
towne corporate, on this syde the feast of saynt
John the Baptiste, shall do make a seale engra-
ned with the name of the castel pylon or Gaile,
whycher

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to whiche he kepeth. And in case any person or per-
 sons, that at any tyme after the sayde feast of
 Saint John, shall be deliuered out of any Gaile
 or prisonne for suspicious of felonye by procla-
 mation; or be acquitte of any felonye, and hath
 no frendes to pay his fees, nor was house with-
 in the hundredes or place, where he shall happen
 to be so deliuered, nor can gette hym no maister,
 there to abyde and worke with, that haue libe-
 tie to begge for his fees, by the licence of his ke-
 per, by the space of vii. weekes nexte after suche
 deliuerance, and after that to be compelled to
 go to the hundred, where he was bound, or laste
 dwellyd by the space of. iii. yeres, within suche
 tyme as shall be lympettyd by one of the Justices
 of peace, Mayres, Sheriffes, bailiffes, or any
 officers, where suche deliuerance shall be had.
 ¶ And it is enacted, that euerye suche personne
 so deliuered, shall haue a letter made to hym by
 the clerke of the peace of the whyche, within the
 whiche he was deliuered, yf he be deliuered in
 the whyche: and if he be deliuered in any cite, bor-
 ough, or towne corporate, than he to haue a let-
 ter of the common Clerke of euerye suche cite,
 borough, or towne, where he is deliuered, and
 by suche letter wytnessunge the daye of his deli-
 uerance, and the place, where he was deliue-
 red, and afoze whome, and the tyme appoy-
 nted to hym to begge for his fees, and the place
 to the whiche he shall be assigned to repaire hy-
 to, in case he can get no maister to take to worke
 where he was deliuered. And to euerye suche
 letter the sayde Captaine, or keeper of prisonne,
 out of the whyche suche persone shall be deliue-
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red, shall put the scale lyMITTED to be made as is
aforesayde for the sayde pylone. And that eue-
rye suche letter shall be made in this wyse fo-
lowynge.

C Cert. s. **C** The xx. daye of Julye, An. regni
regis Henrici. viii. xxi. J. S. was deliuered for
felony out of the Gaile of D. in the sayd coun-
tie, at the sessions holden afoze A. W. and his fe-
lowes at Sale, the day and yere aforesayd, and
is allowed to begge for his fees by the space of
vi. weekes, and in case he can gette hym no may-
ster to worke within the saide terme, than he is
assigned to passe directly to D. in the countie of
Kente, where he saythe he was borne, or laste
dwellyd by the space of. iii. yeres. And he is al-
lowed. xliii. dayes nexte after the sayde. vi. wee-
kes for his passage thither, or suche number of
dayes, as to hym shall be lympyed by the dyscre-
tion of the maker of the sayde letter. In wiche
wherof the scale of the pylon, from the whiche
he was deliuered, therevnto is sette. And in su-
che shyres, where there is no gaile, the shyreffe
therof, for the tyme beinge, shall cause a scale to
be engraued with the name of the shyre, and
shall order and vse the same scale, to and for su-
che persons deliuered, as is afoze sayde, after
lyke maner and fourme, as the gayler and keeper
of the Gaile is lympyed and appoynted to doo
by this acte.

AND it is also enacted, that every clerke of
the peace of the shyre, within the whiche suche
personne shall be deliuered, and everye common
clerke of every citie, borough, or towne corpo-
rate, within the whiche anye suche person, shall
be

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be deliuered, shall make for every suche person
as shall be so deliuered, where they be suche of-
ficers, the sayde letter in fourme aboue sayde,
without any fee takynge for the same, and shall
deliuer every suche letter to the Bayllor or ke-
per of the prison, from the whiche suche person
shalbe deliuered. And if there be no gayle there,
than to the Sheryffe of the Shyre, where suche
deliuerance shall be had, within one daye nexte
after the end of the sessions, where any such de-
liuerance is had, vppon payne to lose and for-
saite for defaulte of euery letter. xii. d. to the
kyng our souerayne lord. And that the Bay-
lor or keeper of the prison, from the whiche the
sayde person shall be soo deliuered, and in case
there be no Bayle, than the Sheryffe of the Shyre,
where any suche deliuerance shall be had, shall
not suffer any such person to go abrode, to begge
for his fees, nor departe out of prison, excepte
it be to seruyce or labour, vnclesse the same bay-
lor or Sheryffe fynde deliuer to the sayde person
the sayde letter, conteynyng his name, sealyd
with the seale of the prison, from the whiche he
shall be deliuered, or elles with the seale engra-
ued with the name of the Shyre, yf there be no
prison, vppon payne for every default to lose xii. d.
to our souerayne lord.

¶ And it is enacted, that if any persone or per-
sones, so beinge deliuered oute of prison, at any
tyme after the sayde seale, do begge, not ha-
uynge the sayde letter sealyd, in fourme aboue
sayde, or begge contrarie to the tenoure of the
same letter, that then he shall be taken, ordered,
and whynned in every behalfe, lyke as is aboue
appointe

appointed for stronge beggars. And that to be done and executed by suche as be aboue lyimited, to do the same vpon stronge beggars, and in such the wyse, and vpon suche payne as is afoze ly- mytted, for none execution of the punishment of stronge beggars.

Conpounded alwaye, that it be lefull to euery personne and personnes, beyng bounden by reason of any foundation or ordynance to gyue or distribute any money in almes, and also to euery person and personnes at common dooles, vnto at buryals or obytes, to gyue and dispose in almes any money to euery person and persons, comynge to suche almes or dooles, after lyke maner and fourme, as they haue be accustomed to do in that behalfe, afoze the making of this act, without any danger or penaltie, of this estatute, any thyng coneyned in this present estatute to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

Conpounded also that it be lefull to al maysters and gouernours of hospitals, to lodge and harborough any person or persones, of charitie or almes, accorpyng to the foundation of such hospitals, and to gyue money in almes, in as large maner and fourme, as they are bounden or owen to do, any thyng in this estatute to the contrary hereof not withstandynge. And this acte to endure vnto the laste day of the next parliament.

Anno. 23. Edwardi. 3. Cap. 7.

ITEM bycause many valyaunt beggars, as longe as they may lyue of beggynge, doo refuse to labour, gyvinge them selfe to ydelnes,

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and byre, and sometyme to theste and other abominations :none bypon payne of imprisonmente shall, vnder the colour of pitie or almes, geue any thyng to suche, whiche may labour, or presume to fauour them towards their distress: so that thereby they may be compelled to labour for their necessary lyuynge.

Anno. 23. Henrici. 8. Cap. 5.

**Commissi-
ons of se-
wers.**

THE kyng our souerayne lord, by helpe berate aduyle & assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and also his lounge commons in this present parlyament assembled, ordeyned, establisshed, and enacted, that Commissions of sewers, and other the premisses, shal be directed in all partes within this realme from tyme to tyme, where and whan nede shal require, accordeynge to the maner fourme tenour and effecte hereafter ensuyng, to such substantiall and indifferent personnes, as shal be named by the lord Chancellor and lord Tresourer of Englande, and the ii. chiefe Justices for the tyme being, or by .iii. of them, wherof the lord Chancellor to be one.

Henry the. viii. Knowe ye, that forasmuche as the walles, dyches, bankes, gutturs, sewers, gotes, caulceis, byddges, streames, and other defences by the costes of the see, and marthe grounde, beinge and lyenge within the limites of A. B. or C. in the countie or counties of

or in the borders or confines of the same by rage of the see, flowynge and reflowynge, and by meane of the trenches of frethe waters, de-

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ascending and haipnge course by dyuers wayes
 to the see, be so disructe lacerate and broken, and
 also the common passages of mypps, ballengers,
 and botes, in the ryuers, streames, & other fluds
 des, within the lymyttes of A. B. or C. in the
 countie or counties
 of or in the borders or confynes of the sames, by
 meane of settynge vp, erectinge, and makynge of
 streames, mylnes, bydges, pondes, fyllmearthes,
 milledammes, lockes, hebbynge weres,
 heckes and fludgates, or other lyke lettes impe-
 dimentes or anoplaunces, be letted and interrup-
 ted, so that great and inestimable damage, for
 defaulte of reparation of the sayde walles, dy-
 ches, bankes, fences, sewers, gootes, guttures,
 caulceys, bydges, and streames, And also by
 meane of settynge vp, erectynge, makynge and
 enlargynge of the sayde fyllmearthes, mildames,
 lockes, hebbynge weres, heckes, fludgates, and
 other lyke anoplaunces in tymes past haue hap-
 pened, and yet is to be feared, that farre greater
 hurte, losse, & damage, is lyke to ensue, onlesse
 that speddy remedy be prouyded in that behalfe:
 we therfore for that by reason of oure dignitie &
 prerogatiue royall, we be bounde to prouyde for
 the safetie and preservation of oure realme of
 Englande, willynge that speddy remedye be had
 in the premises, haue assigned you & vi. of you,
 of the which we woll that A. B. and C. shall be
 thre, to be our iustices, to suruey the sayd walles
 streames, dyches, bankes, gutters, sewers, gootes,
 caulceys, bydges, trenches, mylnes, milledam-
 mes, fludgates, pondes, lockes, hebbynge weres,
 & other impedimentes, lettes, and anoplaunces,

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aforesayde, and the same cause to be made, cor-
 rected, repayed, amended, put downe, or refo-
 med, as case shal require, after your wysdomes
 and discretions, And therin as well to ordeyne
 and doo after the fourme, tenour, and effecte of
 all and synguler the estatutes and ordenaunces,
 made before the fyrste day of Marche, the. xxiij.
 yere of our reygne, touchynge the p[re]misses or
 any of them, as also to inquire by the othes of
 the honeste and laufulle men of the sayde shyre
 or shyres, place or places, where suche defaultes
 or anoyssaunces be, as well within the lyberties
 as withoute (by whom the trouthe maye the ras-
 ther be knowne) throughe whose defaulte the
 sayde hurtes and damages haue happened, and
 who hath or holdeth any landes or tenementes,
 or common of pasture, or p[ro]fytte of f[is]hyng, or
 hath or may haue any hurt, losse, or disaduan-
 tage, by any maner of meanes in the sayde pla-
 ces, as well nere to the sayde dangers lettes and
 impedimentes, as inhabytyng or dwellyngs
 there aboutes by the sayde walles, dyches, ban-
 kes, guttures, gotes, sewers, trenches, and o-
 ther the sayde impedimentes and anoyssaunces.
 And al those persons and euery of them to taxe,
 assesse, charge, distreyne, and punyshe as welles
 within the metes, limittes, and boundes of olde
 tyme accustomed or otherwys, as elles where
 within our realme of Englande, after the quan-
 tite of their landes, tenementes, and rentes by
 the nomb[er] of acres and perches, after the rate
 of euery persons portion, tenour, or p[ro]fytte, or
 after the quantite of their common of pasture or
 p[ro]fytte of f[is]hyng or other commodities there
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by suche wayes and meanes, and in suche maner
and fourme, as to you or. vi. of you, wherof the
sayde D. B. and C. to be thre, shall seme mosste
conuenient to be ordeyned and done for redyffe
and reformation to be had in the p̄misses: And
also to refourme, repayre, and amende the sayd
walls, dyches, bankes, gutters, sewers, gootes,
caulceies, bridges, streames, and other the p̄-
mysses, in al places nedeful: and the same as of-
sen and where nede shall be to make newe, and
to clesse and purge the trenches, sewers, & dy-
ches in all places necessarye, and further to re-
fourme amende p̄strate and ouerthrowe all su-
che mylles, streames, p̄ndes, lockes, sythegars-
thes, hebbynge, weres, and other impedimētes
and anoyssaunces afoze sayde, as shall be founde
by inquisition or by your surueynge and discre-
tions to be excessiue or hurtfull. And also to des-
pute and assigne, diligent, faithfull, and trewe
keepers, baylyffes, surueyours, collectours, ex-
penditours and other ministers, and officers, for
the sauetie, conseruation, reparation, reforma-
tion and mahynge of the p̄mysses and enery of
them, and to here the accompt of the collectours
and other mynisters of: and for the recyte and
lepenge out of the money that shal be leuped and
payed in and about the mahynge, repayring, re-
fourmyng, and amendinge of the sayd walls,
dyches, bankes, gutters, gootes, sewers, caul-
ceys, bydges, streames, trenches, mylles, p̄n-
des, lockes, sythegarthes, fludgates, and other
impedimentes and anoyssaunces afozelayd: And
to distreyne for the arrerages of euery such col-
lection tax or assesse, as often as shall be expedite,

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or otherwyle to punyſhe the dettours and deſeyners of the ſame, by fynes, amerclamentes, peynes, or other lyke meanes, after your good diſcretions. And alſo to arreſte and take as manye cartes, horyſes, oxen, beaſtes, and other inſtrummentes neceſſary, and as manye workemen and labourers, as for the ſayd workes and reparations ſhall ſuffice, payenge for the ſame competent wages ſalarie and ſtipende in that behalfe: And alſo take ſuche and as many trees, woddes, vnderwoddes, and tymber, and other neceſſaries, as for the ſame workes and reparations ſhall be ſufficient at a reaſonable price, by you or .vi. of you, of the which we will that J. B. and C. ſhalbe thre, to be aſſeſſed or lymytted, as well within the lymyttes and boundes aforeſayde, as in any other place within the ſayde countye or counties nere vnto the ſayde places, And to make and ordeyne ſtatutes ordenances and prouiſions from tyme to tyme, as the caſe ſhall require, for the ſafegarde conſeruatiõ redreſſe correccion and reformation of the premyſſes, and of euery of the, and the partyes lyeng to the ſame, neceſſary and behouefull after the lawes and cuſtomes of Rōney marſhe, in the countie of Kent, or otherwyle by any wayes or meanes after your owne wyſedomes and diſcretions. And to here and deſeremine all ſingular the premyſſes, as well at our ſuyte, as at the ſuyte of any other what ſo euer complaynyng befoze you, or .vi. of you: whereof J. B. and C. ſhalbe thre, after the lawes and cuſtomes aforeſayde, or otherwyle by any other wayes and meanes after your diſcretions. And alſo to make and byrecte all wyttes, preceptes,

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Warrantes, or other commandementes, by vertue of these presentes, to al Sheryffes, baylyffes, and all other minystrs, officers, and other persones, as well within lyberties as without, besyde you, or vi. of you, wherof the sayde A. B. & C. to be thye, at certayne dayes, termes, and places to be presyred, to be returned and receyued. And further to contynue the proces of the same, and finally to do all and enery thyng and thynges, as shall be requisite for the due execution of the premysse, by all wayes and meanes after your discretions. And therefore we commaunde you, that at certayne dayes and places, whan and where ye, or vi. of you, wherof the sayde A. B. and C. to be thye, shall thynke expedient, ye doo surueye the sayde walles, fences, dyches, bankes, gutters, gotes, sewers, caulcepes, poudes, hpydges, ryuers, streames, water courses, mylnes, lockes, trenches, fymegarthes, fludgates, and other the lettes, impedimentes, & annoyances afore sayd, and accomplish, fulfyll, here, and determyne all and singular the premysse in due fourme, and to the effecte afore sayde, after your good discretions: And all suche as ye shall fynde neglygent gaynsayenge or rebelling in the sayd workes, reparations, or reformation of the premysse, or neglygent in the dewe execution of this our Commission, that ye doo compell them by distress, fines, and amerciamētis, or by other punishmentes, wayes, or meanes, which to you, or vi. of you, wherof the sayd A. B. and C. shall be thye, shall seme most expedient for the speede remedy, redress, and reformation of the premysse, and due execution of the same. And all such

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the thynges as by you shall be made and ordeyned in this behalfe, as well within lyberties as without, that ye do cause the same fyrmely to be obserued, doyng therin as to our Justyces apperteyneth, after the lawes and statutes of this our realme, and accordyng to your wisdomes & discretions. Haue alwayes to be suche fines and amerciamentes as to vs therof shal belonge. And we also commande our Sheriffe of ~~the~~ ^{our} sayde countie of ~~the~~ ^{our} counties of ~~the~~ ^{our} that they shall cause to come before you, or syne of you, of the whiche ~~A. B. and C.~~ ^{A. B. and C.} shall be the, at suche dayes and places, as ye shall appoynte to them, suche and as many honest men of his or their baylywike, as well within the lyberties as withoute, by whom the trouthe maye best be knowne, to inquire of the pemysses. Commaunde dyng also all other mynysters and officers, as well within lybertie as withoute, that they and every of them shall be attendant to you, in and aboute the due execution of this your commission. In wytnesse whereof we haue caused these our letters patentes to be made. wytnesse our selfe at westm. the ~~one~~ ^{one} daye of ~~the~~ ^{the} in the ~~year~~ ^{year} of our regne.

¶ And it is also enacted; that every such person, as shall be named Commissioner in the sayd commission, after he hath knowledge thereof, shall effectually put his diligence and attendance in and aboute the execution of the sayde Commission. And before he shall take vpon hym the execution of the sayd commission, he shall take a corporall othe before the lord Chancellor, or before suche, to whom the sayde lord Chancellor shall

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Shall directe the kynges writte of *Wedimus pos-
testatem*, to take the same, or befoze the Iustices
of the peate in the quarter sessions holden in the
hygge, wheree suche commission shall be directed:
the tendour of whiche othe hereafter ensueth.

EYe shall sweare, that you to your counnyng
wytte and power, shall trewely and indifferent-
ly execute the auctoritie to you pouen by this
Commission of Sewers, without any fauour
affection corruption brybe or malice to be bozne
to any maner person or personnes: And as the
case shall require, ye shall consent and endeuour
your selfe for your parte, to the beste of youre
knowledge and power, to the making of suche
holsome iuste equal and indifferent lawes and
ordynauces, as shall be made and deuysed by
the most discrete and indifferent nombze of your
felowes, beinge in commission with you for the
betwe redressse, reformation, and amendment of
all and everye suche thynges, as ar conteyned and
specified in the sayd Commission: And the same
lawes and ordynauces, to your counnyng wyt
and power, cause to be put in dewe execution,
without fauour miede brybe malice or affection,
as god you helpe and all sayntes.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie afoze-
sayde, that all and everye estatute acte and orde-
nauce heretofore made concerning the premis-
ses or any of them, as well in the tyme of our so-
uerayne lord the kyng that now is, as in the
tyme of any of his progenytours hygges of this
realme of England, not beinge contrary to this
present acte, nor heretofore repellyd, from hence-
forth shall stand and be good and effectuell for
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ener, and to be put in due execution, accordyng
to the true meanynge and purpoytis of the same.

And ouer that be it enacted, that the commys-
sioners hereafter to be named in any of the sayd
Commyssions, accordyng to the purpoyte and
effect of the same commyssions, haue ful power
and auctoritie, to make, constitute, and ordeyne
lawes, ordynances, and decrees, and further to
do all and every thyng mencioned in the sayde
commyssion, accordyng to the purpoyte, effecte,
wordes, and true meanynge of the same. And the
same lawes and ordynances so mahe, to reforme,
repelle and amende, and make newe from tyme
to tyme, as the cases necessarie, shall requyre in
that behalfe.

Prouided alwaye, and it is enacted, that yf
any person or persones, beinge assessed or taxed
to any lot or charge, for any landes, tenementes,
or heredytamentes within the lymyttes of anye
commyssion hereafter to be directed, do not pay
the sayde lotte and charge, accordyng to the or-
denaunce and assignement of the commys-
sioners, hauyng power of the execution of the said
commyssion, by reason whereof it shall happen
the sayde commissioners, hauyng power of exe-
cution of suche Commyssion, for lacke of pay-
ment of suche lotte and charge, to decree and or-
deyne the same landes tenementes and heredita-
mentes from the owner or owners thereof, and
theyr heyres, and the heyres of every of them, to
any person or persons, for terme of yeres, terme
of lyfe, in fee symple or in taylor, for payment of
the same lotte and charge, that then every suche
decree and ordynance, so by them made, ingros-
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sed in parchemente, and certyfyed vnder the
seales, into the kynges court of Chaucery, with
the kynges royal assent hadde to the same, shall
bynde all and euery person and persons, that at
the makynge of the same decree had any interest,
in suche landes, tenementes, or heredytamentes
in vse, possession, reuerlyon, or remaindre, their
heppes and feoffees and euery of them. And not
so be in any wyse reformed, onlesse it be by au-
thoritie of parlyament hereafter to be somoned &
holden within this realme.

¶ And also it is prouyded by auctoritie aforesayde, that the same lawes ordynaunces and de-
crees to be made and ordeyned by the sayd com-
missioners or syxe of theym, by auctoritie of the
sayde commyscion, shall bynde as well the landes
tenementes and hereditamentes of the kyng our
soudrayne lord; as all and euery other personne
and personnes, and their heppes, for suche their
interesse, as they shall fortune to haue or maye
haue in any landes, tenementes, or hereditamen-
tes, or other casuall profyte, aduauntage, or co-
moditie, what so euer they be, wherunto the said
lawes ordenaunces and decrees, shall in any wyse
extende, accordynge to the trewe purpoise, mea-
nyng, and intent of the same lawes.

¶ And it is furthermoze by the auctoritie aforesayde establyshed and enacted: that yf any ma-
ner of person or personnes, of what estate or de-
gree so euer he or they be of, that from henceforth
doth take vpon him or them to syt by vertue of
any the sayde commyscions, not beynge before
sworne in fourme as is aforesayde, and accordy-
ng to the tenour of the othe aforesayd:

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Or if any personne so named and sworne, do s^h as is aforesayde, not hauynge landes and tenementes, or other hereditamentes in fee simple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, so the clere yerelye value of .xl. markes, aboue all charges, to his owne vse, excepte he be resiant and free of any citty borough or towne corporate, and haue movable substance of the clere value of one hundred poundes, or els be lerned in the lawes of this realme, in and concerning the same, that is to say, admitted in one of the foure principall Innys of courtte, for an vtter barrestre, shall forsayte, .xl. poundes for every tyme that he shall attempte so to do. The one halfe therof to be to our soueraygne lord the kynge, and the other halfe thereof to the vse of him or theym that wyll sue therefor, by action of dette bylle playnte or informentacion in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche action or sute, no wager of lawe shall be admitted, nor any essoyne or protection shall be allowed. And if any action of trespas or other sute shall happen to be attempted against any person or personnes for takynge of any dystresse, or any other acte doynge, by auctorite of the sayd commission, or by auctorite of any lawes or ordinaunces made by vertue of the sayde commission, the defendante or defendantes in any suche action, shall and may make auowye conysaunce or iustification, for the takynge of the same dystresse, or other acte doynge, touchynge the premises or any of them, allegynge in such auowye conysaunce or iustification, that the sayde dystresse, trespas, or other acte, wherof the playntiffe complayneth was done by auctorite of the
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commissions of sewers, for lotte or tare assessed by the sayde commission, or for suche other acte or cause, as the sayde defendant dyd by auctoritie of the sayde Commission, and accordyng to the tenour purpoise and effecte of this presents acte, made the .xxiii. yere of the reygne of our soveraygne lord kynge Henry the. viii. withoute any expresseynge or reherfall of any other matter or circumstance, conteyned in this present acte, or any commission lawes estatutes or ordinaunces therupon to be made, wherupon the playniffe shall be admytted to replie, that the defendant dyd take the sayde distresse, or do any other acte or trespasse, supposed in his declaration of his owne wronge without any suche cause alleged by the sayd defendaunt, wherupon the issue in every suche action shall be ioyned, to be tryed by verdicte of. xii. men, and not otherwyse, as is accustomed in other personalle actions. And vpon the tryall of that issue, the hole matter to be gyuen on bothe partes in euydence, accordyng to the very trouthe of the same. And after suche issue tried for the defendaunt, or nonsuite of the pleyniffe after apparaunce, the same defendant so recover treble dammages, by reason of his wrongefull veration in that behaife, with his costes also in that part susteyned, and that to be assessed by the same Jurie, or writte, to enquire of damages, as the cause shall requyre.

¶ And it is also enacted, that every of the sayde commissioners shall have and perceyve. iiii. shyllynges for every daye that they shall take payne in the execution of this commission of sewers, And one clerke by them to be assignyd. ii. s. for every

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every daye, of the rates taxes lottes and waines that shall be assessed or losse, by auctoritie of the sayde Commission, and to be leuyed and payde by their discretions. And that the sayde commissioners, or sixe of theym, shall haue power and auctorite to lymyt and assigne of the same rates, taxes, lottes, and waynes by their discretions, suche reasonable sommes of money to the sayde clerke, for wytyng of booke and proces concerninge the pemysses, and to the collectours, expensidours, and suche other as shall take payne in the due execution of the sayde commission, as by the discretions of the sayde commissioners, or vi. of them, shall be thought reasonable.

C Provyded alwaye, that whan so euer and as often as suche Commission, as is afoze lymitted, shall be made and directed to any persone or persones for the reformation and amendement, or in any of the pemysses, specified in the sayde commission, within the fees liberties or possession of the duchye of Lancaster: that then suche commissioners, as shall execute any suche commission, shall be alwayes named and appoynted by the discretion of the lord Chauncellour and lord Treasourer of Englande, & the sayde two chiefe iustices of eyther benche, and the Chancellour of the sayde duchye for the tyme beyng, or. iiii. of theym, wherof the sayde lord Chauncellour, and the Chauncellour of the duchye to be two. And that in euerye suche case, two Commissions shall be awarded and made, accordyng to the tenour of the Commission aboue expressed, one therof vnder the great seale of Englad, and the other vnder the seale of the same duchye.

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as before tyme hath ben accustomed, any thyng afoze reherled in this present acte to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

¶ And it is further enacted, that the sayde commission from tyme to tyme, as the case shall require, shall be had and opteyned, withoute any money or other charge, to be payde for the seales or wytyng of the same, onelesse it be to the kyng. *ii. s. vi. d.* for the seale of every Commission, as hath ben accustomed: And for the wytyng and enrolling of any one commission. *v. s.* and not above.

¶ And it is further enacted, that every commission to be made by auctoritie of this act, shall endure and contynue for the terme of thre yeres, nexte after the Teste of the Commission. Resuer the lesse after any commission made and deliuered out of the kynges courte of Chancerie, the kynges hyghnesse shall alwayes at his pleasure by his wytte of Supersedias, oute of his sayd courte of Chancerie, at any tyme discharge as wel every such commission, as every commissioner, that shall be made or named by auctoritie of this acte. After whiche discharge the sayd commissioners shall haue no power, nor auctoritie to procede in the execution of theyr commission, nor in any thyng by auctoritie of this act.

¶ Provided alwaies, that suche lawes actes decrees and ordinances, as shall happen to be made by the sayde commissioners, according to the tenor of theyr commission, or by auctoritie of this acte, shall stande good & effectualle, and be put in due execution, so longe tyme as their commission endureth, and no longer. Except the sayd lawes
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and ordinaunces be made and ingrossed in parchment, and certified vnder the scales of the sayde commissioners, into the kynges court of Chaucerie, and that the kynges royall assent be hadde to the same: any thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrary hereof not withstanding.

¶ Provided also, that whan so ever and as often as suche commission as is afore lymited, shall be made and directed to any persone or persons, for the reformation and amendment of or in any of the premises, specified in the said commission, within the fees liberties and possessions of the principalltie of wales, the countie Palantine of Chester, or within the fees, liberties, and possessions of any other place, where there is liberty and iurisdiction of countie palantine that in euery suche case, two commissions shall be awarded and made, accordynge to the tenoure of the commission aboue expressed, one therof vnder the greatte seale of Englande, and the other vnder the vsuall seale of the countie Palantine, in maner and fourme, as is aboue prouyded for the Duchie of Lancaster, any thing afore rehearsed in this present acte to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And it is prouyded and also enacted, that the royall assent lymitted to be had vnto the lawes and ordinaunces, to be made by the sayde commissioners, as is abouesayde, shall be certified into the sayde court of Chaucerie, vnder the kynges priuie seale: And that there shall not any somme of money be payde for the same priuie seale, but for the writynge of the same Certificate vnder the sayde priuie seale, shall be payd to the

the wytter therof. ii. s. and not above, nor no other, nor greater somme for any thyng touching or concernynge the same Certificate, vnder the same priuie seale.

C Provyded alwayes, that the Chancellours, and suche other as shall haue the custody of the seales of the sayde principalltie of Wales, or the countie palantine of Chester, or within the fees libertties & possessions of any other place, where there is liberttie and iurisdiction of countie palantine, vpon reasonable requeste, and vpon the syght of the commission vnder the kynges great seale of his Chancery, shall without delay make out an other commission, vnder the seale of the sayde countie palantine, accordynge to the tenor of the kynges commission to them shewed vnder his great seale. And to those commissioners as shall be named by the lord Chancellor, lord Tresourer, and the two chiefe Justices, or by thre of them, wherof the lord Chancellor to be one, except it be within the fees and libertties of the duchye of Lancaster, within whiche fees and libertties the commissioners shall be named, and commissions made, as is afore ordeyned by this acte, any thyng contayned in the sayd acte, or in any p[ar]t thereof vnto added and annexed to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

This acte to endure for. xx. yeres.

Anno. 24. Henrici, 8. Cap. 13.

V WHERE BEFORE this tyme byuers lawes, ordynaunces, and statutes haue ben with great deliberation and aduise
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appse, prouided establisshed and deuised, for the
 necessarie repressynge, auoydynge, and expelling
 of the inordinate excesse, dayely more and more
 vbled in the sumptuous and costly array and ap-
 parrell, accustomably worn in this realme: wher
 of hath ensued and dayly do chaunce suche con-
 dry, hygh, and notable inconuenientes, as be to
 the great, manifeste, and notorions detrimente
 of the common weale, the subuersion of good
 and polittike order in knowledge and distincti-
 on of people, accorpyngeto their estates, pre-
 minences, dignities, and degrees, and to the ves-
 ter enpoueryshement and vndoyng of manye
 inexperience and lyghte personnes, inclyned to
 pryde, mother of all vyces: whiche good lawes
 not withstandinge, the oulteragious excesse
 therein is rather frome tyme to tyme increased,
 thanne dymynysshed, eyther by occasyon of the
 peruerse and frowarde maners and vblage of
 people, or for that etroures and abuses ones ro-
 ted and taken into longe custome, be not facily
 ly and at ones withoute some moderation for a
 tyme relynquysshed and reformed. In consyde-
 ration wherof, and for a reasonable order and
 remedy lyke to be obserued, performed, and con-
 tynually kepte; It is by the kynges highnes, the
 lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons
 in this presente parlyamente assemblyd, and by
 auctoritie of the same, enacted, establisshed, and
 ordeyned, in maner and fourme folowynge.

¶ Fyyste that no person or personnes, of what
 estate, dignitie, degree, or condition so euer they
 be, from the feast of the Purification of oure
 ladye, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord,

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M. D. XXXIII. vse or weare in any maner their apparayle, or vppon theyr horse, mule, or other beast, any sylke of the colour of purple, ne any clothe of golde, of tynsue, but onely the kynge, the quene, the kynges mother, the kynges chyldren, the kynges byetherne, and sisters, and the kynges vncles and aunes : except that it shall be lesulle to all dukes and marquises to weare and vse in their doublettes and sleueles cotes, cloth of golde, of tynsue, and in none other their garmentes, So that the same to be worne by suche dukes and marquises, extende not the price of. v. li. the yerde. Prouyded that this worde purple extende not to any mantel of the order of the Garter.

¶ AND that no manne, vnder the state of an erle, from the same feast, vse or weare in his apparrell of his bodye, or vppon his horse, mule, or other beast, or harneys of the same beast, any clothe of golde or syluer, or of tynselbe saten, or any other sylke or clothe myxed or embroydred with golde or syluer, nor also any fures of Sables : excepte that it shall be lesull for vicontes, the priour of sayncte Iohns Hierusalem, within this realme, and barons, to weare in theyr doublettes or sleueles cotes, cloth of golde, syluer or tynsell.

¶ ALSO it is enacted, that noo manne, vnder the estatte of a duke, marquise, erle, and theyr chyldren, or vnder the degree of a baron, onehe he be a knyght, that is companion of the Garter, from the sayde feast, weare in any part of his apparrell any wollen clothe, made oute of this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, Ca-

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lyes, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, excepte in bonettes onely: He also weare in anye maner apparayle of his bodye, or on his horse, mule, or other beaste, or harneysse of the same beaste, any veluette of the colours of crymesen, scarlet, or blew, ne any fures of blacke Zenetes or lufernes, ne any maner imbrowderp. And that no manne, onelesse he be a knyght, after the sayde feast, weare any coler of golde, named a roler of S. And that no man, vnder the degree of a barons sonne, or of a knyght, except he may expende perely in landes, or tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities to his owne vse, for terme of his lyfe, or for terme of an other mans lyfe, or in the ryght of his wyfe, two hundred poundes ouer all charges, shall after the sayd feast, vse or weare any cheyne of golde, bracelet, ouche, or other bynament of golde, in any parte of his or their apparayle, or the apparayle of his or their horse, mule, or other beaste: excepte euery suche cheyne, iewel, ouche, or ornament, be in weight one vnce of fyne golde, or aboue, and except ringes of golde, to be woyn on their fyngers, with stones or without. He also shall weare any manner of veluet in their gownes, cotes with sleues or other vttermoost garmentes, nor any fures of lybarbes, nor also shall weare anye maner embrowderp, pryckynge or pryntinge with golde, siluer, or sylke in any part of their apparayl, or on their horses, mules, or other beastes.

¶ AND that no manne, vnder the sayde estates and degrees, other than such as maye dyspende in landes, or tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayde, a hundred poundes
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by yere, ouer all charges, shall after the sayde feaste, weare any saten, damaske, sylke chamlet, or tassata in his gowne, cote with sleues, or other yttermoste apparayle or garment, nor any manner of veluette, otherwysse than in sleuelesse iackettes, doublettes, coryses, partiettes, or purses: Nor also shall weare any furre, wherof the lyke kynde groweth not within this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, Calys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same: except fopynes, genettes, called graye genetres, and boggy.

AN D that no man vnder the sayd degrees, other than the sonne and heyre apparaunt of a knyght, or the sonne and heyre apparaunte of a manne of the hundreth marke by yere, ouer all charges, and suche other men as maye dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, annuities, or other percelly popytes, as is aforesayde, xl. ii. by yere, ouer all charges, frome the sayde feaste, weare in their gownes, or any other their yttermoste apparayle, any chamlet or sylke, ne also weare in any other parte of their apparayl, any sylke, other than satyne, damaske, tassata, or sarcenette in their doublettes, and sarcenette, chambler, or tassata in lynyng of their gownes, and the same, or veluet in their sleuelesse cotes, iackettes, ierkyngs, coryses, cappes, pourles, or parteiettes, the colours of scarlette, crympsen, and blewie allwayes excepte. Nor shall weare any furre of fopynes, or genettes, called Graye genetres, nor any other furies, wherof the lyke kynde is not growen within this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, Calys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, excepte befoze excepte.

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He shall weare anye maner aglettes, buttons, bitches of gold or syluer gylte, or counterfaiete gilt, or made with any other diuise of any weighe. Nor shall weare any cheyne of golde, of lesse weyghte and value than tenns vntres of Trepe weyght of fyne golde.

¶ And that no man vnder the sayde degrees, or ether than suche gentylman as maye dispende in landes, or tenementis, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayd. xx. poundes by yere ouer al charges, from and after the sayde feast, weare any maner of spike, in any apparayle of his body, or of his horse, mule, or other beaste, excepte it be fatten, tassata, farennet, or damaske in his doublet or coyse, and chamblet in his sleuelesse iackets, and a lace of sylke for his bonet, or pointes, laces, gyrdels or garters made or wrought in Englande or wales: nor shall weare any fures of blacke conye or bogy.

¶ And that noo manne vnder the sayd degrees, ether than suche as may dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayd, fyue poundes by yere ouer al charges, from and after the sayd feast, weare any maner of clothe of the colour of scarlet, crymosen, or violet engrayned, nor any silke in their doublettis or iackets, nor any other cloth in any garment above the price of. vi. s. viii. d. the brode yard: nor any other thyng made out of this realme, except chamblet in their doublettes and iackettes.

¶ And that noo scrupnge manne, nor other yoman, takynge wages, or suche other as he may not dispend of frehold forty shyllinges by yere, after the sayde feast, shall weare any clothe in
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his hoses, above the price of two shyllynges the
yarde: And that none of their hoses be garded or
myxed with any other thyng, that may be sent
on or throught the better parte of their hoses but
with the selfe same cloth only, nor in his gowne,
cote, or iackette, or other garnement any clothe,
above the price of thre shyllynges foure pence
the brode yarde, except it be his maysters livery,
nor any maner furre, excepte cony, called: prays
cony, blache lambe or white lambe of Englyshe,
welsh, or Irish the growinge: Nor shall weare
any mytte, or mytt bande, vnder or vpper cappe,
coffe, bonet, or hat, garnished, mytt, made, or
wrought with sylke, golde, or syluer: Nor shall
weare any bonet or myttband, made or wrought
out of this realme of Englande, or wales, Ne-
uertheles it shall be lefull for hym to weare a
sylke ribande for his bonet, and also the cogny-
sance or badge of his loyde or mayster, and a
horne tipped or flued, with syluer gilt or vngilt,
And also they and all other persons to weare on
their bonettes all suche games of syluer gilt or
vngilt, as they or any of them maye wyne by
wastlyng, motyng, rennyng, leaping, or ca-
sting of the barre, and also masters of the ships
or other vessels, and mariners to weare whistles
of syluer, with the cheyn of syluer to hange the
same vpon, any former clause in this act hereto-
fore mentionid to the contrary notwithstanding.
¶ AND that noo housebande man, frome the
sayde feast, weare in his hoses any cloth above
the price of the yarde. iij. shyllynges, or any cloth
in his gowne above the price of. liij. s. the brode
yarde, or in his iackette or cote, above the price

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Of it is bill. & the hyode yarde. Noz in his doublet any other thynge than is wrought within this realme, fustian and canuas onely excepted, nor any manner of furre in any his apparell.

¶ And that no serapnge man in husbandry, or iourney manne in handy craftes, takynge wages after and from the seake aforesayde, weare in his holes any cloth aboute the pyces. of. xvi. & the yarde, nor that weare any cloth in his gown, iackette, or cote, aboute the pyce of. li. shillinges. With & the hyode yarde, nor in his doublet any other thynge than fustian, canuas, or lether, or wollen clothe, nor any manner of furre in any of his apparell.

¶ PROVIDED allwayes, that all suche officers and seruantes, waythynge or attendynge vpon the kynge, the Quene, the prynce or prycesse, dayely, yerely, or quarterly in their houses holde, or beyng in their Eschequire rolle, as shall be admytted, assigned, and lycenced by his grace, to vse or weare any inauer apparayle on their bodyes, hoxses, mules, or other beastes, or therwyse than is afoze expessed, that moze lawfully do the same, accordyng to the lyence, whiche shall be gyuen vnto theym in that behalfe.

The same lycence to be declared in wytyng by the kynges hyghnes, or the lordes stewarde of his moste honorable houtholde, or the lordes Chamberlayne, knowynge the kynges moste gracious pleasure in the same.

¶ PROVIDED also, that the bycechamberlayne, Stewarde, Treasorer, and Comptroller of the frenche quenes honourable houtholde, and euery of theym for the tyme beyng, after

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after and frome the sayde feaste, maye weare in their gownes, cotes, sakettes, doublettes, and other their apparayle, veluet, saten, & damaske, beyng of the colours of blacke, tawnye, or russet; and also chrynes and broches of golde, of suche value as they wolle at their lybertie, this present acte, or any thinge therein mentioned to the contrary notwithstandinge.

PROVIDED also, that the lord Chancellor, and the lord Treasurer of Englande, the presydence of the kynges counsaile, and the lord priuie seale, for the tyme beyng, of what estate or degre so euer they be, besydes those robes, maye weare in their apparayle, veluet, saten, and other sylkes of any colours, except purple, and any maner furies, excepte blacke jetnettes, any thinge in this acte mencyned to the contrary not withstandinge.

BE IT further enacted, that after the said feaste, none of the clergie, vnder the dignitie of a bishopp, abbot, or priour, beinge a lord of the parlyament, weare in any parte of his or their apparell of their bodyes, or on their hories, any maner of stuffe wrought or made out of this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, Caileys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, excepte that it shall be lesfull to all archdeacons, deanes, priuocostes, maysters, and wardens, of cathedral and collegiate churches, prebendaries, doctours or bachelers in diuinite, doctours of the one lawe or the other, and also doctours of other sciences, which haue taken that degre, or be admitted in any vniuersitie, to weare farcinet in the lyncinge of their gownes, blacke saten, or blacke hamlet

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let in theyr doublets and sleueles cotes, & blacke
veluet or blacke sarrenet, or blacke satin in their
ryppettes, and ryding hodes or gyddels, and also
so clothe of the colours of skarlet, myrey, or vio
let, and furrees called graye, blacke hogg, fopnes,
shankes, or meneuer in their gownes and sleue
les cotes, any thinge before mentioned to the co
erary notwithstandinge. And that none of the
clergie, vnder the degrees aforesayd, weare any
maner of furrees, other then blacke cony, dogg,
graye cony, shankes, calaber graye, fyche, foxe,
lambe, otter, and beuer. And that none of the
clergie, vnder the degrees aforesayd, other than
maysters of arte, and bachelers of the one lawe
or the other, admitted in any vniuersitie, or such
other of the sayde clergie as maye dispend pers
ly. xx. li. ouer all charges, shall weare in their ry
ppettes any maner of sarrenet or other slyke.

PROVIDED also, that this acte, or a
ny thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende
nor be hurtfull or prejudicial to any of the kyn
ges mooste honourable counsell, ne to Justices
of the one benche or the other, the barons of the
kynges Eschequere, the mayster of the rolles,
seriantes at lawe, the maysters of the Chaun
cery, ne to any of the counsaile of the Queene,
pynce or pynces, apprentices of the lawe, the
kynges, the quenes, the pyncis, and the pync
cesses phisitions, mayres, recorders, aldermen,
myrisses, baylyffes electe, and all other heed of
ficers, of cities, townes, and boroughes corpo
rate, wardens of occupations, the barons of
the fyne portes, that is to saye, to all the sayde
officers and persones, that now be, or hereto
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foze haue ben in lyke rome, place, offyce, oꝝ au-
doytie, oꝝ hereafter foꝝ the tyme shalbe, as well
in the tyme as after that they haue benne in any
suche place, offyce, rome, oꝝ audoytie, but that
they shall mooue at all tymes were, after the said
feaste, all such apparayle in and vpon theyꝝ bo-
dyes, hoyses, mules, and other beastes, and also
citezens, and burgeses, shall mooue weare sus-
che hoodes of clothe, and of suche colours, as
they haue heretofore vsed to weare: any thyng
in this acte mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding:
excepte that it shall not be lesfull to
any of them to weare veluet, damaske, oꝝ saten
of the colours of crimysen, violet, purple, oꝝ
blewe, otherwyle than by the continue of this
acte, in any of the clauses befoze mentioned, is
by reason of theyꝝ landes oꝝ otherwyle permit-
ted, limited, oꝝ assigned.

CNE also this acte oꝝ any thinge therein men-
tioned, shall extende to ambassadours, oꝝ other
personages sent frome outwarde princes, oꝝ to
noble men, oꝝ other cominge into the kynges re-
alme, oꝝ other part of his obeyssaunce, to visite se
oꝝ salute his grace, oꝝ to se the countrey, and not
mynded to make longe oꝝ contynuall demure in
the same, ne to any hencheman, heralde, oꝝ pur-
ceuaunt at armes, mynstrels, player in enterlus-
des, syghtes, reuels, iustes, tourneys, barriers,
solempne watches, oꝝ other martiall feates oꝝ
disguyfynge, oꝝ to men of warre, beyng in the
kinges wages of warre: noꝝ to any man foꝝ wea-
ryng any apparayle, giue vnto hym by the kyn-
ges hyghenes, the quene, the frenche quene, the
pryncce, oꝝ pryncesse, ne to any sword bearer of the
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cytie of London, or of any cite borowne or towne
 corporate. He also that extende to any vttre bar-
 rester of any of the ynnes of courte for wearyng
 in any of his apparelliche lyke and furre, as is
 before lymitted for menne that maye dispende in
 landes, tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities,
 for terme of lyfe. xx. li. ouer all charges: Nor to
 any other student of the ynnes of court or Cha-
 cery, or to any gentylman, beinge seruaunt to
 any lord, knyght, squyer, or gentylman of this
 realme, whose mayster may dispende. xl. li. ouer
 all charges, for wearyng by suche student or ge-
 tylman, beinge seruaunt, of doublettes, & parte-
 lettes of satten, damaske, or chamlet, or iacket-
 tes of chamblet: which doublettes, partlettes, or
 iackettes be gyuen vnto them by any of their pa-
 rentes, maisters, or kynnsfolkes, so alwayes they
 be not of the colours of crimosen, purpure, scar-
 let, or blew: or for wearyng of any furre, where
 of the lyke groweth within this realme, wales,
 or Irelande, marternes, and blake cony except.
IT IS also further enacted, that yf anye
 manne vse or weare, at any tyme after the sayde
 feast, any apparayl, or other the premysles, con-
 trary to the tenour and fourme aforesayde: than
 he so offendynge, shall forsayte the same appa-
 rayle, and other the premysles, so by hym vled or
 worne vppon his persone, horse, mule, or other
 beast, wherewith so euer it be garnysed, embro-
 dyed, doubled, or myxed, or the value thereof: and
 also. lii. s. liii. d. in the name of a fyne for eue-
 ry daye, that he shall so weare the same, contra-
 ry to the tenour and purpoise of this acte. And
 that every man, that woll, may lawfully sue for
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the same, by action of detynue, to be commenced within. xv. dayes nexte after the begynnynge of the terme, next ensuyng, after any suche tyme and cause of forsafture so gguen: in the whiche action the defendante shall not be suffered to wage his lawe, nor any esoyne or protection shal be to hym allowed in that behalfe. The one halfe of the which forsafture & fyne shall be to the kyn- ges hyghnes, and the other halfe to him or them, that wil sue for the same, in forme, and with- in the tyme before lymitted.

CAND it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall be lawfull to the iustices of peace in their sessions, the sheryff in his turne, the stwarde in any lete or lawedaye, the alder- men in their wardes, and to all other persones, hauynge auctoritie to enquire of bloodshede and frapes, to enquire of euery of the sayde offences and forsaftures: and the parties offendynge a- gainst this statute, and so presented, shall make fyne in maner and forme, and after the rate as aforesayde.

COVER this it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all other actes made for refo- mation of excelle in apparell, or arraye, at any tyme before this present parlyament, and all and singuler articles, prouisions, forsaftures, and penalties, mentioned in the sayde former actes or any of them, be fro henceforth vterly voyde, repelled, extyncte, and of none effecte: And all transgressions, offences, sommes of money, pe- nalties, and forsaftures for anye thinge doone contrary to the sayd former actes, or any of the, before this tyme made for reformation of excelle
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in apparayle, be clerely rempytted, pardoned, and relefed: and the offenders in that behalfe and euery of them to be therof discharged, and acquitted for euer.

PROVIDED alwayes, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, be hurtfull or prejudiciall to any spiritual or temporall person, in and for the wearynge any ornaments of the church, bled for executyng diuine seruice, or for wearynge theyr amys, mantils, habytes, or garmentes of religion, or other thinges, whiche they be bled or bounde vnto by theyr romes, or promotions, or religions: ne also to any graduates, beabels, or ministers to the graduates in vniuersities and scholes, for wearynge of their habites or hoodes, with furies, lyninges, or otherwise, after such forme as hertofore they haue bene accustomed to doo, any thinge in this present acte, made to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED also that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any persone or personnes for wearinge of any linnen cloth, made or wrought out of this realme, or other parties of the kynges obeyssaunce, ne to any persone beyng of the degree of a gentylman, for wearynge of any whirte made, wrought, or embroudered with threde and sylke onely, so the same worke or embrouderie be made within this realme of Englande, wales, Isles, Berwyke, or the marches,

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OF ROME.

Anno. 28. Henrici. 8. Cap. 10.

FOR as moche as not withstandynge the good and holsofne lawes ordinaunces and statutes heretofore made enacted and established by the kynges byghnes our moste gracious souerayne lord, and by the hole consent of his byghe courte of parlyamente, for the extirpation abolation and extinguyshement out of this realme, and other his graces dominions seignories and contreys, of the pretended power and vsurped auctoritie of the byshoppe of Rome, by some called the pope, used within the same orels were concernynge the same realme dominions segnories or contreys, whiche dyd obfuscate and wrest goddes holy worde and testament a longe season frome the spirituall and true meanyng therof, to his worldly and carnall affections, as pompe, glozy, auarice, ambition, and tyrannye, conerpyng and shadowynge the same, with his humayne and politike deuyses, traditions, and inuentions sette forth to promote and stablyshe his onely dominion, both vppon the sowles and also the bodies and goodes of al Christyan people, excludynge Christe out of his kyngedome and reule of man his soule, as moche as he may, and all other temporall kynges and princes out of their dominions, whiche they ought to haue by gooddis lawe, vppon the bodies and goodes of their subiectes: wherby he dyd not only robbe the kynges Mateste, beynge onely the supreme heed of this his realme of Englands immediat.

Against
the false
vsurped
power of
the byshop
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ly vnder god, of his honour, righte, and pre-
 minence, due vnto hym by the lawe of god, but
 spoyled this his realme yearly of innumerable
 treasure, and with the losse of the same deceyued
 the kynges lounge and obedient subiectes, per-
 suadynge to them by his lawes, bulles, and o-
 ther his deceyuable meanes, suche dyaumes, va-
 nities, and fantasyes, as by the same manye of
 them were seduced and conueyed vnto supersti-
 tious and erroneous opinions: so that the kyn-
 ges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and tempozal,
 and the commons in this realme beinge overwe-
 ried and fatigated, with the experience of the in-
 fynite abhominations and myschefes proceeding
 of his impostures, and craftly coulourynge of
 his deceytes, to the great dammages of sowles,
 bodyes, and goodes, were forced of necessite for
 the publyque weale of this Realme, to exclude
 that foreyne pretended power iurisdiction and
 auctoritie, vbled and vsurped within this realme,
 & to deuise suche remedies for theire reliefe in the
 same, as doth not onely redounde to the honour
 of god, the hyghe prayse and aduancement of
 the kynges maiestie, and of his realme, but also
 to the great and inestimable vtilitie of the same.
 And notwithstandinge the sayde hollome lawes
 so made, and heretofore establyshed, yet it is com-
 men to the knowlege of the kynges hyghenes,
 and also to dyuers and many his lounge faith-
 full and obedient subiectes, how that dyuers ses-
 dicious and contentious persones, beyng sin-
 ples of the sayd byshop of Rome and his see, and
 in harte, membyes of his pretended monarchye,
 do in coyners and els where, as they dare whis-
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per truinke preache and perswade, and frome
tyme to tyme insyll into the eares and heedes of
the pooze symple and vnlettered people, the as-
nauncement and continuance of the sayde bys-
shoppes feyned and pretended authoritie, pre-
tendynge the same, to haue his grounde and ori-
ginall of goddes lawe, wherby the opinions of
many be suspended, their iudgements corrup-
ted and deceyued, and diuersitie in opinions au-
gmented & encreased, to the great displeasure of
almighty god, the hyghe discontentation of our
sayde moste dyedde souerayne lord, and the in-
terruption of the vnitie loue charite concorde &
agreement, that ought to be in a Christen region
and congregation. For auoydinge wherof and
repression of the folyes of suche sedicious per-
sonnes, as be the meanes and authours of suche
inconueniēces. Be it enacted ordeyned and esta-
blished by the kynge our soueraygne lord, and
the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the cō-
mons in this present parlyament assembled, and
by thauctozitie of the same, that yf any persone
or personnes, dwellynge demurrynge inhaby-
tynge or resiant within this realme, or within
any other the kynges dominions seignouries or
countreys, or the marches of the same, or elles
where within or vnder his obeyssaunce & power,
of what estate dygnytie p̄ceminence order degre
or condicion so euer he or they be, after the laste
daye of Julye, whiche shalbe in the yere of oure
lord god. M. D. xxxvi. shall by wyrtynge, cy-
frynge, printynge, preachynge, or teachynge, dede
or acte, obstinately or maliciously, holde or stande
with, to extolle set forth maynteyne or defende
the

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the authoritie iurisdiction or power of the byshop of Rome, or of his see, heretofore claymed vled or vsurped within this realme or in any dominion or countrey beinge of within or vnder the kynges power or obeyssaunce, or by any pretence obstinately or maliciousely inuente anye thyng for the extollynge auauancement settynge forth mayntenaunce or defence of the same, or any part therof, or by any pretence obstinately or maliciousely attribute any maner of iurisdiction authoritie or prehemynence to the sayde see of Rome, or to any byshoppe of the same see for the tyme being within this realme or in any the kynges dominions or countreys: that thenne euerye suche personne or personnes, so doyng or offensynge, theire aydours, assistentes, comforters, abettours, procurers, maynteyners, fauours, counsailours, countelours, and euery of them, beyng therof lawfully conuicted, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, for euery such defaulte and offence, shall incurre and runne into the dangers, penalties, peynes, and confiscatures ordeyned and prouyded by the statute of prouysyon & premunire, made in the .xvi. yere of the reygne of the noble and ballaunt prince kyng Richard the seconde, agaynst suche as attempt procure or make prouysyon to the see of Rome or els where, for anye thyng or thynges to the derogation or contrary to the prerogative royall or iurisdiction of the crowne and dignitie of this realme.

¶ AND to the intent that this act at all tymes maye be well and trewelye executed, and the offenders therof haue and receyue condygne punishment accordynge to their demerites, It is enacted

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enacted by the auctoritie afoze sayd, that as well iustices of assise in their circuities, as iustices of peace within the lympttes of their commission & auctorities, or two of euerye suche iustifiers of peace at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power and auctorite to enquire of all offences contemptes and transgressions perpetrated committed or done contrary to this acte, in lyke maner and fourme as they maye of other offences ayenst the kynges peace, And shall certifie euery presentment afoze theym or any of them hadde or made, concernynge this acte or any part therof, befoze the kyng in his benche, within .xl. dayes nexte after anye suche presentment had or made, if the terme be thenne open: And if not, than at the fyrste daye of the terme next folowynge the sayde .xl. dayes, vpon payne that euery of the iusticiars of assise, or iusticiars of peace, befoze whome suche presentment shalbe made, makynge defaulte of suche certificat contrary to this statute, to lose and forfayte forty poundes to the kynges highenes.

¶ AND it is enacted by the auctorite afozes sayde, that the Iusticiars of the kynges benche, as well vpon euerye suche certificat as by inqueste befoze theym selues within the lympttes of their auctorities, shall haue full power and auctorite to here order and determyne euerye suche offence, done or committed contrary to this acte, accordynge to the lawes of this realme, in suche lyke maner and fourme to all intentes and purposes, as yf the personne or personnes, agaynst whome anye presentment shalbe hadde vpon this statute, hadde be presented vpon any mat-

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for oꝝ offence expresse in the sayd statute, made in the sayde. xvi. yere of kynge Rycharde the seconde.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery archebyschops byschops and archedeacons within this realme, their commissaries, bycars generall, and other their ministers, in euery their visitation and seanes, shall make diligent insearche, enquirie, and examination of all and euery ecclesiasticall and religious person within and of their iurisdiction, whiche shall be suspected accused oꝝ demed to be a transgressour oꝝ offendour of this acte. And if bypon suche serche enquirie and examination any ecclesiasticall oꝝ religious personnes shalbe presented suspected accused, oꝝ founde culpable by witnes oꝝ confession, of any offence contrary to this act, and be presente at the tyme of suche presentement examination oꝝ accusation: that then euerye the archebyschoppes byschoppes and archedeacons, their commissaries, vicars generall, and other their ministers, afoze oꝝ to whome any such personne shall be presented, suspected, accused, oꝝ founde culpable (as is aforesayde) shall commit euery suche personne so presented suspected accused oꝝ founde culpable, if he be present (as is aforesayde) to the nexte common sayle of the shyre where suche enquirie examination oꝝ accusation shall be hadde oꝝ made, oꝝ ches by good and sufficient sureties to be bounden by obligation to the kynges vse, shall lette euery such personne to bayle by their discretions, to appere before the kyng and his counsaile, in the sterre chaumbre at Westmynster, within. xv. dayes
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next after suche enquire presentement or accusation, yf the terme be thenne open and kept, or elles in the first daye of the terme next following after the same enquire presentement or accusation. And at the same daye lyMITTED for such appa-
 rance, they shall certyfy into the sayde sterre chaumbre by wytyng vnder their seales, as well the sayde bonde and obligation, taken for suche appa-
 rance, as the presentment examina-
 tion accusation or conviction of every suche per-
 sonne, and all depositions and circumstaunces therof, and the name of the sayle, where vnto they haue committed the sayde personne. And if any suche ecclesiasticall or religious persone, be-
 ynge presented suspected or accused in any seane or visitation, be not present at the tyme of the sayde seane or visitation as is aforesayde, that then neuerthelesse every the sayde archbishops
 byshops and archdeacons, their commissaries, vicars generall, and all other their ministers, as
 foze or to whome any suche presentment suspec-
 tion or accusation shalbe hadde or made, shall certyfy every suche presentment suspicion and
 accusation, and all circumstaunce therof (as is aforesayde) in to the sterre chaumbre at West-
 mynster withyn. xv. dayes nexte after suche pre-
 sentment suspicion or accusation had or made, or in the firste daye of the terme nexte followinge
 after suche presentment suspicion or accusati-
 on, in such maner and fourme as is afoze sches-
 sed. And in case anye ecclesiasticall or religious
 personne, beinge presented suspected or accused
 of anye offence done or attempted contrarye to
 this estatute, be therof conuicted by confession
 or wite

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oꝝ wytnesse before any archebyschoppes byschoppes
oꝝ archedeacon, oꝝ before any the commissaries,
vicars generall, oꝝ other their ministers, in their
seanes oꝝ visitations, oꝝ before the kynges coun-
saile in the Kere Chaumbre at Westmynster:
that then every such spirituall and religious per-
son, so beyng conuicte, shall suffre suche paynes
penalties and forsaytures, as be expessed in the
sayde statute made in the sayd. xvi. yere of kyng
Rycharde the seconde.

It is also enacted by thautozitie aforesayde,
that yf any ecclesiasticall iudge oꝝ visitatour do
voluntarily concele cloke hyde oꝝ colour any pre-
sentement accusation oꝝ confession, that shall be
made to hym concernynge this statute, and doo
not cartyspe every suche accusation presentemēt
oꝝ confession before the kyng and his counsaile
in the Keryd Chaumbre at Westmynster, in
suche maner and fourme as is aboue specified in
this estatute: that then every suche ecclesiasticall
iudge and visitatour, so wyfully offendynge, for
every suche defaulte shall forsayte. xl. li. the one
halfe therof to the kynges hyghenes, the other
halfe to suche personne as wyll sue for the same
by originall wytt byll playnte oꝝ information in
any of the kynges courtes: in whiche suite no
essoyn protection oꝝ wager of lawe shall be ad-
mitted nor allowed.

And for stronger defence and mayntenance
of this acte, it is ordeyned and enacted by auto-
zitie aforesayde, that all and every ecclesiasticall
iudge, ordinary, channecellour, commissary, of-
ficiall, vicar generall, and other ecclesiasticall of-
ficer oꝝ minister, of what dignitie preeminence oꝝ
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degree so euer they shall be, And all and euerye
 sempoꝛall iudge, iusticiar, mayer, baylyffe, Mes-
 reesse, vndermesresse, eschetour, alderman, iurat,
 counstable, hedborowe, thirdeboroughe, boyl-
 holder, and euery other lay officer, and minister,
 to be made, created, elected, oꝛ admitted within
 this realme oꝛ any other the kynges dominions,
 of what estate oꝛder degree oꝛ condicion so euer
 he shall be frome and after the sayde laste daye of
 Iulye, shall befoze he take vpon him the execu-
 tion of suche office, make take and receyue a tor-
 poꝛall othe vpon the Euangelistes, befoze suche
 person oꝛ personnes as haue oꝛ shall haue aucto-
 ritie to admytte him, that he frome hensefoꝛthe
 shall vtterlye renounce refuse relynquish oꝛ for-
 sake the byshop of Rome and his auctoritie po-
 wer and iurisdiction: And that he shall neuer
 consent noꝛ agree, that the byshop of Rome shal
 practyse exercise oꝛ haue any maner of auctoritie
 iurisdiction oꝛ power within this realme, oꝛ any
 other the kynges dominions, but that he shall
 resiste the same at all tymes to thuttermooste of
 his power. And that frome hensefoꝛthe he shall
 accepte repyte and take the kynges maiestie to
 be the onely supreme heed in erthe of the church
 of Englande. And that to his cunnyng wytte
 & bittermooste of his power, withoute gyle fraude
 oꝛ other vndeue meane, he shall obserue kepe
 maynteyne and defende the holle effectes and co-
 tenies of all and synguler actes & statutes made
 and to be made within this realme, in derogati-
 on extirpation and extinguyshment of the bys-
 shop of Rome and his auctoritie. And all other
 actes and statutes made and to be made in refoꝛ-
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mation and corroboration of the kynges power of supreme heed in erthe of the church of Englande: and this he shall doo agaynste all maner of personnes, of what estate dignitie degree or condicion they be, and in no wyse do nor attempte, nor to his power suffre to be done or attempted directly or indirectly anye thinge or thinges pynely or aparty, to the lette hynderaunce damage or derogation therof, or of any parte thereof, by anye maner of meanes, or for anye maner of pretence. And in case any othe be made or hath bene made by hym to any persone or personnes, in mayntenance defence or fauour of the byshoppe of Rome or his auctoritie iurisdiction or power, he repute the same as vayne and aduocilate, so helpe hym god all sainctes and the holy Euangeliste.

E And it is also enacted by the auctoritie afoze sayde, that all and euery personne and persones spirituall and tempozall, suynge lyuere reſtitutions or bitter le mayne out of the kyng, his heyres, or ſucceſſours handes, or doyng any fealtie to his hyghenes, his heyres, or ſucceſſours, or which ſhalbe ſwozne to the kyng his heyres or ſucceſſours, or that ſhall haue anye office ſee or roume of the moost gracious gyfte of the kynges maieſtie, his heyres, or ſucceſſours, or ſhal be reſteyned in ſeruiſe, with his grace, his heyres, or ſucceſſours, ſhall make take and receyue the ſaid othe. And that alſo all and euery religious perſonne, at the tyme of his or their profeſſion or entre into religion, and euery other eccleſiaſtical perſonne at the tyme of his takynge of orders, & all and euery other perſonne, which ſhall be pro-
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motod or preferred to any degree of leuynge in any vniuersitie within this realme or other the kynges dominions at the tyme of his promotion or preferment, and euery of theym, shall make take and receyue the sayd othe befoze his or theire soueraigne, ordinary, or the commissary of such vniuersitie.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie afoze sayde, that yf any personne or personnes, lymitted or commaunded by auctoritie of this acte to make the sayde othe, or commaunded by any other personne or personnes, auctorysed by the kynges hyghenes commission vnder his greatte seale, or his seale ordeyned for causes ecclesiastical, to make the sayde othe, obstinately refuse that to do: that than euery suche offence and contempt shall be hyghe treason, and the offendours therof beyng lawfullye conuicted, shall suffer peynes of dethe and other forfaytures penalties and losses, as is lymitted and accustomed in cases of hyghe treason by any lawes or statutes of this realme heretofore made.

¶ Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted, that this acte, nor any thinge or thinges in the same reherfed mencioned or comprised, be in any wyse prejudiciall hurtefull or derogatozpe to the ceremonies vses and other laudable and polypthe ordinaunces, for a tranquillitie, discipline, concord, deuotion, vnytie, and decent order heretofore in the churche of Englande vled instituted taken and accepted, nor to anye personne or personnes accoꝝdyngly vlynge the same or anye of them.

¶ Prouyded alwaye and be it enacted by auctoritie

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au thoritie of this presente parlyamente, that this
acte, concernynge the byshope of Rome, or any
thyng to be done by his vsurped auctoritie, shal
no further bynde nor extende to and vppon the
kynges subiectes of his yle of Jersey, Gernesey,
and Alderney, in any other maner forme or con-
dicion, than it shal please the kynges hyghenes,
with the aduysle of his mooste honourable coun-
saile, vppon consyderation and examination of
the state and disposicion of his sayde yles, and
the common welth of the same, hereafter to estab-
lyshe ordeyne and declare vnto them by his gra-
cious letters patentes vnder his great seale: and
that the sayde letters patentes and euery thinge
therin to be conteyned, shal be of the same effect,
strength, and vertue, as if they hadde bene pas-
sed and enacted by auctoritie of parlyament, any-
thinge in the sayde acte conteyned to the contra-
ry in any wyse not withstandynge.

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